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## Weinberger opposes Lavi

### Ties with Israel are no closer than before

By WOLF BLITZER  
JERUSALEM POST Correspondent  
WASHINGTON — Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger yesterday once again made clear his opposition to allowing Israel to use any of the annual U.S. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) assistance for the development of the Lavi warplanes.  
This statement, made at a news conference at the U.S. government's foreign-press centre, appeared to contradict an earlier decision by President Ronald Reagan authorizing the use of some of those FMS funds for Lavi research and development costs in the U.S.  
Furthermore, the House of Representatives yesterday approved a foreign aid bill including \$550 million for the Lavi. This contains \$300m. for work on the Lavi in the U.S. The bill now goes to the Senate for approval.  
Weinberger also clearly sought to belittle the significance of any recent trend within the Reagan administration to promote closer U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation in a whole range of areas.  
The defence secretary, who has been widely reported to have resisted this change in U.S. policy, said that Israel has been a strong ally with whom the U.S. has maintained close military ties "almost since the creation of the state."  
Thus, well-informed observers said, he is clearly still concerned that any high-visibility strategic and military cooperation with Israel

might upset the Arab world, where the U.S. has important interests as well.  
Weinberger said that "to the best of my knowledge" President Reagan has not yet reached any final decisions regarding the "agenda" for the talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens, scheduled for Washington late this month.  
The U.S. defence chief had been asked about the amount of strategic cooperation that would be achieved during the visit. But he did not even want to confirm that that would be the main thrust of the talks.  
Weinberger insisted that there has been "no change in that relationship" with Israel, apparently desiring to reassure the Arabs.  
He said he was "puzzled" by all of the news media speculation that the U.S. and Israel were about to embark on a new level of strategic cooperation. Israel, he said, has been receiving "very large" amounts of U.S. military assistance for many years. Thus, he said he "certainly wouldn't regard it as a new policy."  
Opposing Weinberger on this matter has been Secretary of State George Shultz, Undersecretary Lawrence Eagleburger and National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane — all of whom have lately promoted closer ties with Israel.  
Reagan authorized such a course of action at a National Security Council meeting late last month.  
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## Dialogue with Egyptians to continue, says Kimche

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies  
Egypt has agreed to send a foreign Ministry official to Israel shortly to continue the dialogue between the two countries, Foreign Ministry Director-General Ussiel Kimche announced in Cairo yesterday.  
According to agency reports from Cairo, Kimche sounded considerably more enthusiastic about renewed dialogue than Egyptian officials, who attempted to portray his visit as routine.  
The Egyptian officials noted that to progress had been made on substantive issues such as the Tabat dis-

pute and Egypt's demands for a timetable for Israel's withdrawal from Southern Lebanon.  
Egypt has made it plain that these two issues will have to be settled before its ambassador, withdrawn last year to protest Israel's invasion of Lebanon, is returned to Tel Aviv.  
Kimche noted that Egypt is also still insisting that Jordan and the Palestinians should take part in any resumed negotiations on autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza.  
Kimche stressed to reporters, however, that both sides had pledged to spare no effort to improve ties.

## Tripoli still tense under 2nd cease-fire in as many days

JERUSALEM POST Staff and agencies  
Tripoli was reported quiet last night after a second cease-fire went into effect at about 8 p.m. following the breakdown of a previous cease-fire earlier in the day.  
Eight neighbourhoods in Tripoli were the target of Syrian gun positions as of 1:25 p.m., less than 24 hours after a truce had eased tensions in and around the city, according to a report telephoned to Beirut.  
At noon, occasional bursts of incoming explosions were heard in the area of the Baddawi Palestinian refugee camp and in Tripoli. Later, a PLO loyalist spokesman said the cease-fire had ended and fighting was raging to the north and east of the camp.  
An hour before the collapse of the truce, beleaguered PLO leader Yasser Arafat told the Associated Press he did not think the agreement would hold.  
"Unfortunately this is an unscrupulous cease-fire. The Syrians brought in a new mechanized division last night," he said.  
"I warn that if these (reinforcements) continue, then it means that they will attack the city from several directions," Arafat said. He charged that the build-ups were monitored on the southern edge of Tripoli, the northern coastline and on hills east of the city.  
Arafat told other reporters later that he would not leave Tripoli unless its inhabitants asked him to do so.

Arafat's departure from the city 80 kilometres north of Beirut — his last Middle East redoubt — has reportedly been a condition for an end to the hostilities by the rebels and their Syrian backers.  
In Rome, Italian Defence Minister Giovanni Spadolini said yesterday that Italy, if requested, would evacuate Arafat and his troops from their besieged base in Tripoli.  
Spadolini, appearing at a news conference with his French counterpart Charles Hernu, said Italy would send military personnel to pick up Arafat "at any place on land or sea where he might request it."  
However, Spadolini said he has received no formal request yet from the PLO leader and that he was basing his offer on "indiscretions" which had leaked out overnight.  
He said Italy could use a naval vessel or other means for Arafat's rescue, but not any of the more than 2,000 Italian troops stationed in Beirut as part of the multinational peace-keeping force.  
In Damascus, former Lebanese prime minister Rashid Karamah yesterday called on Arafat to leave Tripoli and spare it from more bloodshed.  
Karamah, Tripoli's top politician, said the seriousness of the present situation and the dangers involved in what he called U.S. and Israeli threats led him to believe "brother Abu Ammar's (Arafat's) place would be better outside Tripoli."

## Lebanese factions hammer out reforms

GENEVA (AP) — Members of Lebanon's warring factions said yesterday they had hammered out a series of constitutional and political reforms aimed at easing national tensions and are ready to present them to faction leaders for approval.  
Several members of the 14-member panel, remaining here after last week's "national reconciliation conference" of Lebanese leaders, said they had reached agreement on many points, but that disagreements on some issues remain.  
The delegates stressed, however, that no formal agreement had been reached and that their conclusions were "tentative," pending discussions with faction leaders and the preparation of a final reform document.  
"There is no final decision about anything," a Christian source said. "We are just a project committee, but we have for sure, certain agreement on many points and a lot of disagreement on others."  
The low-level talks here came after leaders of the Lebanese factions adjourned last Friday to give Lebanese President Amin Gemayel time to find new ways of ending the Israeli occupation of South Lebanon and restoring its "sovereignty."

## As U.S. jets come under fire over Lebanon: Soviets, Syrians confer on 'U.S., Israel threat'

MOSCOW — The Syrian and Soviet foreign ministers yesterday blamed the U.S. and Israel for the recent escalation in violence in the Middle East and called for Arab unity to counter their influence in the region.  
Meanwhile Syria said its defences turned back intruding U.S. jets over Lebanon yesterday. A White House spokesman confirmed American planes were fired at while flying over the Syrian-held central Lebanese mountains.  
The official Soviet news agency, TASS, said Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam, who arrived in Moscow yesterday for a short working visit, and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had thoroughly discussed the "situation in the Middle East on the whole and in Lebanon in particular," during talks in the Kremlin.  
TASS said Khaddam and Gromyko "stressed the importance of preserving the unity of actions by Arab states" to thwart U.S. and



Andrei Gromyko. (Camera Press)

Israeli plans for the region.  
Western diplomats said this was a reference to the split in the PLO and its influence on inter-Arab relations.  
TASS said Gromyko and Khaddam welcomed the beginning of a political dialogue between conflicting Lebanese groupings as a

step towards an internal settlement in Lebanon based on national reconciliation.  
Gromyko and Khaddam said the current flare-up in Lebanon was "due to Israel's continuing aggression." The agency said the two foreign ministers also held Washington responsible for "deliberately kindling the Lebanese conflict."  
They said the U.S. is seeking to escalate and consolidate its military presence in Lebanon and turn it into a stronghold to exert pressure on Syria and other Arab countries.  
Khaddam thanked the Soviet Union for its "assistance and support to Syria and other Arab countries in countering imperialist designs in the Middle East."  
TASS said the talks would continue today.  
In the flare-up over the Lebanese Central mountains, Beirut radio said the Syrians fired surface-to-air missiles at the U.S. warplanes.  
White House spokesman Anson Franklin said the jets were fired at from an unidentified ground site.  
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## IDF call-up exercise termed successful

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter  
TEL AVIV — Deputy Chief of Staff Aluf (Maj. Gen.) David Ivri said yesterday reservists' response to Wednesday's call up exercise had exceeded his expectations. This means Israel could take slightly higher risks when it has to decide whether to call up the reserves, he said, "because one knows that the whole system is alert and capable of responding."  
The exercise, which involved tens of thousands of men in units which were believed to be a representative sample of the Israel Defence

Forces, began at four p.m. on Wednesday and ended early yesterday.  
The IDF spokesman said the response had been "fast and orderly" and many reservists reported to their units at an early stage of the exercise.  
In some cases roads were jammed when men drove to their units.  
Response was fast because people expected the exercise and because the orders were broadcast over the radio. This contrasts with past secret call ups, where orders were sent by messenger. Ivri maintained the army had "attained a

very significant shortening of time (in mobilizing the reserves)."  
The exercise had caused concern in Syria, which announced a general alert on Monday.  
Israel had been concerned about the Syrian reaction and, according to one senior officer, is still watching it closely.  
Ivri acknowledged there had been some thought of putting off the exercise. However, he added, if Israel had decided to postpone the exercise, "tension would remain." He said "tension ought to abate" now that the exercise had been carried out and the men released.

## Chief rabbis' 'treatment' to be probed

Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
The Foreign Ministry is awaiting reports from its consulate-general in New York and its embassy in Washington on the current visit to the U.S. of the two chief rabbis, and specifically on charges that the rabbis were not duly honoured by official Israeli representatives.  
Ministry sources said yesterday

they had taken note of Consul-General Naftali Lavie's statements, in response to reporters' questions, that his consulate had not been informed of the visit nor had its staff been invited to any functions that Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu attended.  
The sources assumed this would

be the tenor of Premier Yitzhak Shamir's response to MK Haim Druckman (Independent), who wrote to him complaining of the chief rabbis' "shabby treatment" by Israeli diplomats.  
Lavie said yesterday the Ministry of Religious Affairs had not asked the consulate-general to help plan the visit.

## Most of Tyre wounded are released

JERUSALEM POST Staff  
HAIFA — Most of those injured in the bombing of the Israel Defence Forces headquarters in Tyre last week and taken to Rambam Hospital here have been released, President Chaim Herzog was told during a visit to the hospital yesterday.  
Hospital director Prof. Josef Brandes told Herzog that there are still nine Israeli and two Lebanese wounded being treated.  
Deputy Prime Minister David Levy is scheduled to visit several Druse villages in the North today to convey condolences to bereaved families.  
During his visit to Bambam, Herzog told injured soldiers that he had come to see them before going to

the U.S. He said he would tell American Jews that despite all problems, when necessary Israelis can rise to the occasion.  
He praised the very high standard of medical services at Rambam.  
In answer to a question from Herzog, Brandes said that if the wounded had been sent on a long flight to hospital (as the U.S. Marines were from Beirut to Germany), 20-25 per cent of them would not have been saved. He was certain that the lives of at least three of the wounded had been saved thanks to the quick treatment.  
The president told the wounded soldiers that he is proud of them. They had demonstrated that Israelis are one nation bound by a bond of blood.

## Bonn blocks Syrian aid

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — West Germany is holding up a multi-million dollar European Community loan to Syria, because of concern over the Damascus government's role in Lebanon, community officials said yesterday.  
The community's executive commission has proposed giving \$15 million in subsidized loans to Syria to help finance construction of a new highway.  
The officials said that the Bonn government has blocked formal ap-

proval of the loan because it feared sending the wrong signal to Syria. The officials said several governments at first voiced disquiet about the timing of the proposed loan, but all except West Germany had now agreed to meet the terms of the financial aid agreement.  
The money would help pay for a \$15m. highway between Damascus and the Jordanian border and be made available under a five-year financial aid programme.

## Shamir, Arens trip to U.S. confirmed

JERUSALEM POST Reporter  
The visit of Prime Minister Shamir and Defence Minister Arens to Washington later this month has been finally confirmed. They are scheduled to meet with President Reagan on November 27.  
The formal invitation to a top-level Israeli delegation to meet top American policy-makers was extended last week by U.S. Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger during his talks in

Jerusalem. Washington has been trying to schedule such a visit since then-prime minister Menachem Begin cancelled his visit in July at the last moment.  
Begin's subsequent resignation in August and the economic crisis here made it impossible for Shamir to go to Washington at an earlier date.  
Shamir's and Arens' visit comes immediately after that of President Herzog who leaves for the U.S. on Monday.

## Moda'i appoints panel to probe power failure

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has appointed a panel of three experts to probe the causes of yesterday morning's electricity failure that deprived most of the country of power for up to 12 hours.  
The breakdown also indirectly caused the death of a Haifa Refineries worker, who was killed in an accident as power was restored. Serious disruptions were caused to production in factories all over the country. (see page 3)  
The experts panel is headed by Prof. Avraham Alexandrovitch of the electrical engineering faculty of Haifa's Technion. The other two members are David Fridgut, an engineer in the Energy Ministry and Moshe Nelkin, an engineer in the Electric Corporation. The panel was ordered to submit its findings within 10 days.  
The panel was also told to investigate whether the recommendations of the Eritzky committee have been implemented. That committee, headed by Prof. Michael

Eritzky of the Technion, inquired into the causes of the nationwide power failure three years ago.  
The Electric Corporation also ordered an investigation into the causes of the massive chain-reaction power failure.  
The breakdown started at 4 a.m., when generators at the Hadera power station suffered a still unexplained technical failure. Other generators, operating at lower power because of the lack of demand during early-morning hours, could not carry the load and the system shut down, officials said.  
Pinhas Miyara, an Electric Corporation official, said that the breakdown was similar to a car engine stalling. "What happens is that at these hours (of low demand), the units are working at minimum power and it is more difficult for them to respond."  
"It's like driving a car at very low speed and suddenly wanting to accelerate. If you press very hard on

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## Blood, SATW and Tours



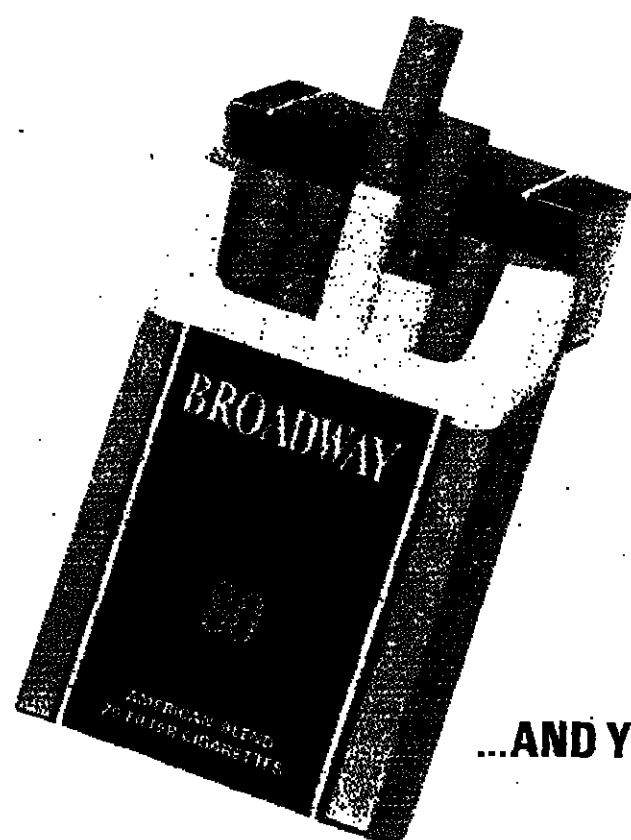
LIFE STYLE comes bouncing back this Sunday, and ends up in hospital. A serious case of journalistitis, as A Day in the Life spends a "typical" 30-hour work shift in the emergency ward.  
Upon recovery, LIFE STYLE interviews the president of the Society of American Travel Writers (SATW), whose 28th annual conference is convening in Israel, amid intensive preparation for these influential people.  
In honour of the SATW convention, the issue focuses on travel and finds — to the surprise of no one — that Israel is a dynamic tourist attraction from every point of view — from the top of the Tel Aviv Hilton's new VIP accommodations to the bottom of the world: the Dead Sea and its skin disease clinics.  
And more: the Jewish community of Georgia celebrates its 250th anniversary... a guidebook for child tourists... around the globe on two wheels... Kartoon by Kirschen... and LIFE STYLE's resident wit, traveller and chronic fabricator Matt Nesvisky. All in The Jerusalem Post this Sunday.

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BUEENOS AIRES	20	27	68	81
CHICAGO	7	16	45	61
COPENHAGEN	6	10	43	50
FRANKFURT	1	5	34	41
GENEVA	3	7	37	45
HELSINKI	1	3	34	45
HONG KONG	22	28	72	82
JOHANNESBURG	19	26	66	79
LISBON	14	17	57	63
LONDON	11	12	52	61
MADRID	12	14	54	63
MONTREAL	2	10	36	50
NEW YORK	10	20	50	68
OSLO	1	3	34	45
PARIS	7	10	45	53
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	23	66	73
SÃO PAULO	20	26	68	81
STOCKHOLM	6	10	43	50
TORONTO	7	12	45	54
VIENNA	4	12	39	54
ZURICH	3	7	37	45

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Clear to partly cloudy. Towards evening, scattered showers in the North and centre of the country.  
Outlook for Sabbath: Rain in the North and centre of the country.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	46	9-22	23
Golan	33	14-22	23
Nahariya	46	14-22	24
Safed	37	12-20	21
Haifa Port	50	17-24	25
Tiberias	64	—	24
Nazareth	—	14-23	24
Afula	44	11-25	26
Shimon	45	12-22	23
Tel Aviv	68	15-22	23
B-G Airport	67	13-24	25
Jericho	45	13-26	26
Qaza	74	14-22	22
Beer-Sheva	39	10-24	25
Eilat	33	16-27	27

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Australian Ambassador David Goss gave a reception last night at the Jerusalem Cinematheque to mark the screening of the Australian film, *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith*.

Dr. Uri Bialer lectured last night on "Publication of State Archives" at the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation on the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Gedalia Yegor, historian and archivist.

The Jack Futterman Chair in Agricultural Botany was inaugurated at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot yesterday, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Futterman of New York. Prof. Dov Koller gave the inaugural lecture. University Vice-President Bernard Cherrick presided.

The Herb and Frances Brody Centre for Food Sciences was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot in the presence of Mrs. Frances Brody of New Jersey, members of her family, Rehovot Mayor Yehzekel Harmelech, and Mr. Leonard Lieberman, who has succeeded the late Herb Brody as the chief executive officer of Supermarkets General Corporation in the U.S. The main road leading into the Rehovot campus was named Frances Brody Boulevard on the same occasion, following a festive luncheon in honour of the Brody party, hosted by university Vice-President Bernard Cherrick.

The Israel B. Greene and Sara Mann Greene Fund for Equity Studies was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in the presence of the late couple's daughter, Mrs. Rosanna Goldstein of Millburn, New Jersey. University President Don Patinkin presided over the ceremony at the Maierdorf Faculty Club on the Mount Scopus campus.

Ports Authority general-manager Yitzhak Rahav will speak on "Haifa Port Technology Advances" at the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, Zion Hotel, at 1 o'clock today. Table reservations by phone, 529818.

Fuel Commissioner Shimon Giboa will speak at the Haifa Engineers Club at 1 o'clock today. Table reservations by phone, 674838.

## BASKETBALL

Results of last night's games in the national basketball league, 12th round:

Mac. Tel Aviv 77, Upper Galilee 76;  
Hap. Tel Aviv 105, Be'er Tel Aviv 101;  
Mac. Haifa 82, Kiryat Mitzpeh 77;  
Hap. Haifa 88, Mac. South Tel Aviv 76;  
Hap. Ramat Gan 99, Hap. Holon 78;  
Hap. Afula 84, Mac. Ramat Gan 80.

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## HOME NEWS

### Fatah rebel chief should stand trial—'Al-Fajr'

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

While sporadic unrest in the West Bank, sparked off by the fighting between rival PLO forces in Tripoli continued yesterday, news of a cease-fire provided some comfort. "I know there are very serious practical difficulties in arriving at any solution which will have to take into account Fatah, the PLO and the Syrians but the main thing is that they have stopped fighting," said a Ramallah resident. News that the cease-fire had already broken down by late afternoon did not really change his analysis.

An editorial in yesterday's *Al-Fajr* recommended that Fatah rebel commander Abu Musa stand trial for the assault he has led against the loyalist forces in the two Palestinian refugee camps north of Tripoli. Even though Abu Musa was the hero of the Palestinian stand in Beirut, the paper said his actions compared to those of the former defence minister Ariel Sharon.

An East Jerusalem lawyer, a canny observer of his people's politics, was sceptical yesterday about the protest of some West Bank radical leaders, who published a statement supporting Arafat earlier this week.

"They were forced to say something unequivocal by public opinion," he said. "In the end, however, they are committed to Syria and the radicals for deep ideological reasons."

He pointed out that West Bank communists as well as the Moslem Brotherhood in the area have been reserved in their support for Arafat. The communists are basically aligned with Syria and are waiting things out on the sidelines, he explained, while the fundamentalist Moslems are interested in a Palestinian religious leadership, rather than a national leadership.

However, the left-wing magazine *Al Mithaq*, which has consistently supported Abu Musa over the past four months, this week came out in support of Arafat, condemning the fighting inside the refugee camps.

"When the dust settles in Tripoli, Arafat will be obviously weakened and the PLO irretrievably split if it survives at all," noted one of the leading political figures. He was adamant that people in the West Bank would not support a Syrian-dominated PLO, but noted that if Arafat went to the moderate Arab states he would have control of very little except money.

Many members of the Palestine National Council, including its president Khaled al Fawh, live in Damascus and they could appoint a new Palestinian executive council and remove Arafat, he said.

There was also speculation that in

the end Jordan might welcome Syrian domination of the PLO, because that would provide room for the argument that it is no longer the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," as determined at the 1974 Rabat Arab summit.

"If Jordan is free of the chains of Rabat and if the king is interested in entering negotiations and calls for support (which he failed to do in February this year while negotiating with Arafat), the West Bank and Gaza will support him," said one pro-Jordanian earlier this week. "But without a strong American commitment that is unlikely," he added.

There appeared to be near unanimity among all factions this week that there is no room for an independent move among Palestinians in the territories. "That would be political suicide" was a phrase repeated by several people who hold widely different views.

"The mood has moved from despair to disgust," said Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij on Wednesday.

But unrest continued, with the army reporting three petrol bombs thrown at Israeli targets on Wednesday night and yesterday. No injuries and only slight damage were reported. Stone-throwing continued in various towns and a curfew was imposed for the second day on the Jelazoun refugee camp. The curfew on the Dehaishe camp was lifted yesterday at 1 p.m., after five days.

Residents of the camps complained yesterday that all the men were called out of their homes in the early hours of the morning and kept outside until mid-morning. Their ID cards were taken and they were warned about further unrest. This was later confirmed by military sources, who added that searches had been conducted in the Aida and Al Amric refugee camps following recent petrol bomb attacks there.

An example of some black humour told among Palestinians is perhaps the best insight into their current mood. The joke as overheard concerns U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Soviet leader Yuri Andropov and Yasser Arafat. It relates that Reagan approached the Almighty and inquired when the American flag and way of life would rule this world. On receiving the reply "300 hundred years" the president broke down in tears, wailing: "not in my lifetime."

When Andropov asked when Communism would take over, and was told 700 hundred years, he too left, moaning: "Not in my lifetime."

When Arafat asked when the Palestinians would achieve their legitimate national rights, the Almighty began crying "not in my lifetime."

### Soldier killed in head-on collision

RAMLE (Itim). — Rav-Samir Rishon (Warrant Officer) Eliezer Mizrahi, 36, of Holon was killed and two others were severely injured yesterday morning when their jeep was involved in a head-on collision with a truck at the Nahshon Junction on the Beit Shemesh Road.

Yesterday afternoon, a driver suffered injuries when his vehicle overturned near Mesilat Zion on the highway between Beit Shemesh and Sha'ar Hagai.

Meanwhile, the police announced yesterday that there were 1,210 road accidents last month, of which 32 involved fatalities and 232

involved serious injuries.

In the first 10 months of 1983, there were 11,555 road accidents, in which 16,316 persons were injured and 347 killed. This represents a 9 per cent increase in the number of accidents and injuries and a 10 per cent increase in the number of fatalities compared with the same period last year.

It was also announced that in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip last month there were 96 road accidents, in which 146 persons were injured and 12 killed. This compared with September's 93 accidents, in which 126 persons were injured and 14 killed.

### TIES WITH ISRAEL

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Weinberger was in Ottawa, Canada, for NATO meetings at the time.

Since then, it has become apparent that Weinberger, joined by other influential elements at the Pentagon, including most of the joint chiefs of staff, have tried to weaken that presidential directive, which also had specifically authorized Eagleburger to inform Israel that some FMS funding for the Lavi could be used in the U.S.

Weinberger underlined his opposition to that decision yesterday. He said that while the plan may strengthen Israel's domestic economy and may promote Israeli exports, it would definitely not improve Israel's military capability. Israel, he said, could do that by purchasing additional U.S.-made fighter-bombers, which are superior and could be made available much sooner than the 1990's, when the Lavi is slated to come off the production line.

The defence secretary said FMS credits — as a matter of principle — should be used only to strengthen the military capability of foreign allies. Thus, he said that assistance for the Lavi should come from the economic side of the U.S. aid package to Israel.

Weinberger noted, however, that it was up to Israel to decide whether to go ahead with the Lavi programme. But the upshot of his remarks was that he would advise against it.

Weinberger's recommendation that some of the U.S. economic — as opposed to military — aid be used for the Lavi was clearly not pleasing to Israeli officials.

They noted that the approximately \$910 million in this year's pending economic grants for Israel were already part of a straight cash transfer with which Israel can do whatever it likes. The \$1.7 billion in annual FMS credits, on the other hand, must normally be spent only in the U.S. for military purchases. It

### SOVIETS, SYRIANS

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while on a "routine" reconnaissance mission. He did not say what was fired at the American jets in their first encounter with the Syrians in Lebanon, however.

Beirut Radio also reported Israeli jets crashed the sound barrier in low-level runs over northern Lebanon, buzzing warning Palestinian terrorist positions around Tripoli.

A terse communique issued by the Syrian command in Damascus said: "Four enemy planes flew over our positions in Lebanon at 0530 GMT. Our air defence system confronted them and forced them to return toward the sea."

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A police officer displays stolen objects to be put on exhibit beginning on Monday at the Tel Aviv district police headquarters, 221 Rehov Dizengoff. The exhibit is meant to enable citizens and institutions — particularly synagogues — to identify and claim stolen property recovered by police. (IPPA)

### Schindler: 'intermarriage may be turned in our favour'

HOUSTON (JTA). — Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, declared in remarks prepared for delivery at the UAHC 57th General Assembly here tonight that the delegates should approve a Reform Jewish unit to study all phases of conversion to Reform Judaism.

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He said the goals of the Reform Outreach programme were "to make certain that the majority of interfaith marriages will result in the conversion of the non-Jewish partner to Judaism, and that the ma-

majority of the children issuing from such marriages will, in fact, be raised as Jews."

Declaring that "even our work with non-affiliated mixed marriage couples is encouraging," Schindler told the delegates that the effort established "beyond doubt that they, too, need not be lost to us, that we can, if we but try, regain them for our people."

He added that "there is no dilution of our Jewishness when others join our ranks. Quite the contrary, our Jewishness is enhanced because of them."

Noting that he had proposed the Outreach programme to the Reform movement five years ago, he said a joint commission on Outreach had been created by the UAHC and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) to carry forward the Outreach effort.

### Etzioni proposals 'to be carried out'

A consensus was reached last night by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Or and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer that the recommendations of the Etzioni committee are to be carried out. The committee in 1979 adopted a number of recommendations improving teachers' pay and working conditions.

The two-hour meeting took place in the Prime Minister's Office. The

### Aerial bombs found in scrap at Acre plant

ACRE (Itim). — The alertness of workers sorting scrap metal at a steel factory here averted possible disaster yesterday when two aerial

bombs, each weighing 120 kilograms, were discovered just before they were to be placed in a smelter.

We announce in sorrow the passing in London of

**DINAH WINGATE**

Mourled by  
Norma and Israel Schachter (Tel Aviv)  
Geoffrey Wingate (London)  
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Our dearest mother and grandmother

**MALKA (Musia) GIELBARD**  
(née Knopf)

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The funeral took place yesterday, November 10, 1983; (Kislev 4, 5744).

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Amos, Giel, Shira, Ora  
The Board and Staff of Gilro Ltd.  
Knopf, Beller and Gelbard families

### Liberals take stock as hopes for FM post fade

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "There is no Likud — such a political entity exists in name only and each of the Likud component parties acts independently," David Admon, chairman of the Liberal executive in Tel Aviv, told members of his party's central committee last night.

He called for the creation of a new Liberal Party — "which would be a real party and able if it wishes to contest elections on its own." Admon charged that the Liberals have become a second-rate Likud component and cited reports that prime minister Yitzhak Shamir is planning to appoint his deputy, David Levy, as foreign minister soon.

That portfolio is also coveted by Liberal Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and many in the Liberal party foresee trouble in the cabinet and the Likud should Moda'i ambitions be spurred.

The Admon speech was seen as a warning to Herut of the possible breakup of the Likud if the Liberals are not awarded the portfolio. "This is the last important ministry left to be allocated in the cabinet and we may be faced with a fait accompli whereby it, too, would not go to us," Admon complained.

The Liberals are still smarting from the loss of the Finance Ministry last month, which went to Herut.

According to sources close to Levy, Shamir had promised him the portfolio, when the two vied with each other for the premiership. Levy needs the gloss and experience of international politics if he is to make another bid for Herut primacy.

This is the very reason why his would-be rivals in Herut are not eager to let him have the job. Shamir, it is said, will soon find himself between the devil and the deep blue sea, for he cannot afford to offend either Levy or the Liberals.

Admon hinted at some of the fireworks the Liberals might have in store, when he said that "at present all efforts to unify the Likud have

failed. There are separated component parties but no Likud institutions. The Liberal Party has not got the structure which an independent party should have. It was reorganized into a party in the fullest sense of the word, so that like a new party it could run on its own." Admon qualified his statement by saying he is not advocating that the Liberals now go it alone, but that they should be able to do so if they wish to in future.

He was severely taken to task by former MK Gustav Badian, who asked "What does the Liberal Party contribute to the Likud today? Disunity, lack of discipline and constant trouble-making that endangers the Likud and its government. We wonder Herut thinks so little of us. No Herut MK would ever do what we do."

He cited the decision of four Liberals — Knesset Speaker Savidor and MKs Yitzhak Ben-Dor, Zeigerman and Dan Tichon — to form their own faction outside the Liberal framework. The four did not take part in the central committee session yesterday.

"Can we ignore the impact of such behaviour on our partners?" Badian asked. "The man who became Knesset Speaker because of the Likud threatens to vote against it! We have no moral authority to make any complaints whatever against Herut. We are not worthy of better treatment."

He warned that if they go to the polls separately, the Liberals "would have as rosy a future as the Independent Liberals, who have disappeared from the Knesset entirely."

Moda'i told the gathering that the Likud did badly in the recent municipal elections "only in those localities in which it was divided. This was also the reason we lost Ramat Gan, because there was a Likud breakaway list."

He said the Liberals were the election's "big winners. We showed all our detractors that we are a party with real roots among the electorate. A party without roots cannot produce such wonderful bushes," he asserted.

### Peled's 15-year reign in Ramat Gan ends

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Veteran Ramat Gan residents were shaking their heads in amazement yesterday at the "historical upheaval" in their town. After 58 years as a non-Labour stronghold, the Alignment faction headed by Uri Amit took power, defeating Likud faction head Yisrael Peled, who had served as Ramat Gan's mayor for the past 15 years.

With soldiers' votes included, Amit got 24,010 votes — 448 votes more than Peled. "This proves that the people of Ramat Gan wanted a new, fresh mayor, who was one of the people. They were tired of Peled's conservative approach," 49-year-old Amit said after his victory.

Peled, who thought his failure to get a majority of the votes on the first election round was caused by his lax election campaign, intensified his drive in the second round. The Likud hired the Benny Tal guard agency, which was involved in Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahav's campaign, to step up Peled's election drive.

Peled fell just short of the 40 per

cent of the votes required for election in the first round, because 15 per cent of the votes went to David Me'amedovitz, who headed a breakaway *Shalom* list.

It was learned yesterday that Peled is considering appealing to the High Court of Justice to cancel the election results, asserting that some 900 soldiers' votes were "lost" due to "foul play" during the second election round.

Amit, who learned at 3:30 a.m. yesterday that he had been elected mayor of Ramat Gan, said he would begin negotiations for a municipal coalition after returning from a desperately needed short vacation. In Israel, he hastened to add, not abroad.

Asked how he would cope with the municipal coalition majority, Peled said he had formed, Amit replied: "The announcement was an election trick Peled played. There was no coalition agreement, and a day after he announced it the same factions that had allegedly entered it contacted me and asked to form a coalition with me."

The Alignment has 10 of the 23 council seats; the Likud seven.

### Shopper prevents blast in market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Tragedy was narrowly averted in the busy market here yesterday when a suspicious package was taken by an alert shopper to an empty lot, where it exploded minutes afterwards.

The bomb, which police said was placed by terrorists, caused no injuries or damage.

The shopper, strolling in the market with his five-year-old son, noticed the bag near the corner of one of the market stalls at about 5 p.m. yesterday. The man took the bag out of the market and set it down in an open space nearby. He then called the police, who arrived within five minutes. But the package had already exploded.

On the second anniversary of the passing of our beloved

**CELIA LAKS**

a memorial service will be held on Monday, November 14, 1983 (Kislev 8, 5744) at 3 p.m. at Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem.

We shall meet at the gate at 2.45 p.m.

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**SIDNEY DAVID LEE**

will take place on Tuesday, November 15 at 12 noon at Har Hamenuhot cemetery, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

We wish to thank all who shared our grief.

The Family

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## stock post \$300m. October trade gap 50% above September's

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

Israel's trade gap (the excess of imports of goods over exports) totalled \$300 million during last month, 50% more than for September, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

Imports of goods during October totalled some \$740m., compared to \$440m. worth of exports.

A spokesman for the CBS stressed that, excluding seasonal factors and not including the import of ships and aircraft, the gap was almost double the one registered during September.

Nevertheless, the spokesman added, when the whole January-October period is examined a slow-

down in the rate of increase of the trade gap is discernible. Thus the monthly average deficit for the 10 months was some 15 per cent lower than the same average for the first half of the year.

The CBS figures showed that the trade deficit for the first 10 months of the year totalled \$2.9 billion, compared with \$2.6 billion during the same period in 1982. This represents a 12 per cent increase in the trade deficit.

Imports totalled some \$6.8 billion during the January-October period, against \$6.6 billion in 1982, for a 3 per cent increase. Exports decreased by 2 per cent during the period, from \$4m. in 1982 to \$3.9m. this year.

## Closure threat averted at Ichilov

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The threatened closure of Ichilov Hospital by striking nurses was prevented at the last minute yesterday, when the management reached an agreement with the nurses. This came after negotiations which began Wednesday afternoon and ended at 11 a.m. yesterday.

The labour court hearing scheduled for yesterday noon, at which the city intended to ask the court to order the nurses back to work, was cancelled when it was learned that the nurses were resuming regular work due to the agreement.

The nurses, who had imposed sanctions at Ichilov and Rokah hospitals in protest against a personnel shortage, threatened to bring Ichilov to a complete closure yesterday, except for emergency cases.

Ichilov director Prof. Dan Michaeli said that according to the agreement, the management will examine the personnel shortage, stop firing nurses and halt legal proceedings against the nurses. The nurses agreed to stop all their sanctions and resume regular work.

The nurses, who have been complaining of an acute staff shortage for several weeks, began sanctions when the hospital fired 10 nurses at the beginning of the week.

## Mayors warned against 'deputies spree'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's newly elected and reelected mayors and head of local authorities yesterday were warned against embarking on a spree of appointing deputies, a traditional political plum in municipal affairs.

In a special circular, Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky points out that by law any local authority may have only one deputy mayor to serve as acting mayor and whose appointment must be approved by a majority of the council. This deputy may be removed from office only by the mayor or authority head, and by a council majority.

In addition to this deputy, the council itself may name two, more deputy mayors — in the case of a locality with a population up to 250,000 — and three more deputies in places with larger populations.

Kubersky said in his warning: "Under no circumstances and under no guise whatsoever may more than the prescribed number of deputy mayors be appointed. Where a local authority attempts to evade the law and name more deputies, the courts may invalidate the appointment of all the deputies, including those appointed in accordance with the law."

## Former OC Navy tells inquiry

## 'Abdul Majid admitted to me he murdered Arlosoroff'

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Former OC Israel Navy Shlomo Errel yesterday told the Arlosoroff murder inquiry commission that an Arab suspect told him he had committed the crime. Errel said he met the suspect, Abdul Majid, when they were imprisoned in Acre.

Errel said he had been detained by the British for 10 days by administrative order in 1940 after returning from two years of maritime training in a Betar camp in Italy.

Majid told me, Errel said, what I had read in the newspapers and accepted as a fact, that he had killed Arlosoroff.

Another witness, Yehoshua Reizenbach of Kfar Sava, told the commission yesterday that on the night of Arlosoroff's murder, he went to a Betar movement meeting at which Zvi Rosenblatt spoke. (Rosenblatt was later acquitted of the charge of having murdered Arlosoroff). "He spoke practically all the time," Reizenbach said.

"When he finished, it was already late, I didn't have a watch, but I knew it was late," Reizenbach said. Rosenblatt was one of two activists in the Revisionist Zionist movement, forerunner of today's ruling Herut Party, who were charged with the murder of Haim Arlosoroff, a Labour movement leader. They were ultimately acquitted for lack of evidence.

In 1982, the government, determined to end what it called a history of libel against pre-state rightist leaders, appointed the commission, which is headed by Judge David Behor. The commission's next session is scheduled for November 22.

## Carmelit out of action

HAIFA. — The Carmelit subway broke down yesterday and will not resume operating before tomorrow night, the municipality spokesman announced.

An electric motor which runs the cars burned out, he said.



Tat-Aluf (Brig. Gen.) Meir Geva (left), OC Military Police, looks on while a bereaved wife applies cement to the cornerstone of a memorial to members of the force who have fallen in the country's defence. The ceremony was held this week on the first anniversary of the disaster in Tyre when over 70 soldiers lost their lives. The memorial, in the main military police training base, was designed by architect Gershon Yosef and includes a library. (IDF)

## Police smash ring of building material thieves

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police said yesterday they have cracked a Gaza-based gang believed to have been responsible for the theft of "tens of millions of shekels worth" of construction equipment from building suppliers all over the country.

Detectives from Hadera, aided by police in the Gaza Strip, discovered several warehouses stocked with stolen building materials, including complete bathroom suites, when they raided addresses in the Gaza area, the Haifa police spokeswoman announced.

Several people, including the alleged young gang leader, were arrested. The leader reportedly told police that he took orders for building materials and then sent out his "team" to steal the necessary items.

Police were put on the track of the gang following two burglaries and an attempted break-in at a building supply firm in Hadera's industrial zone.

On the first occasion, on September 28, thieves broke into the Givati firm's warehouse, tied up the guard and stole equipment valued at IS2.7 million. A week later

they broke into the same place, but were interrupted and fled empty handed. The firm was raided again on October 30th, when the thieves got away with building materials worth IS2.5m.

Three nights later a guard at another Hadera building supply firm spotted two men acting suspiciously. Police were called and the two suspects, who were reportedly found hiding among supplies in the firm's storage yard, were arrested.

Subsequent inquiries led police to the Gaza area, where they raided several addresses and discovered "large quantities" of stolen construction equipment. Detectives also found a number of vehicles believed to have been used in the thefts. Seven of those arrested were brought to court yesterday and remanded for 10 days. Some of them admitted the charges to the judge.

The police spokeswoman said the owners of the building supply firm which had been broken into had been contacted and had been invited to look over the property recovered by the police to see if they could identify any of the materials.

## Pulitzer poetry prize-winner here next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Maxime Kumin, who won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1974, will be in Israel next week as the guest of The American Cultural Centre.

She will lecture on poetry and the creative process and read from her own works on Tuesday, November 15 at the ACC in Jerusalem at 8 p.m., in the English department of Ben-Gurion University, Beersheba, on November 16 at noon, and at the ACC in Tel Aviv on November 17 at 8.30 p.m. She will also give a writing seminar in the Hebrew University English Department on Tuesday,

November 15 in the afternoon. Kumin, who is currently teaching at Princeton University, has published seven volumes of poetry and five of fiction. Her latest volume of selected poems, *Our Ground Time Here Will Be Brief*, was issued last year by Viking-Penguin.

## 'Kristallnacht'

FRANKFURT (AP). — Germany's small Jewish community solemnly marked the 45th anniversary on Wednesday of "Kristallnacht," when Nazi thugs burned shops and synagogues in a murderous rampage that launched the Holocaust.

## Man dies, great damage in power cut

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
and YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Yesterday's early morning nationwide power breakdown cost one man his life and caused millions of dollars of damage to Haifa industry.

Pilo Scherf, an operator in the oil refineries, lost his life in a fire that broke out when a crew tried to restart an installation which had shut down.

The refineries' management said the fire was put out after half an hour, and did not yet have a reliable estimate of the amount of damage caused.

However the loss of the installation would not affect the country's fuel supply, the management said.

The refinery uses power from both the Electric Corporation and its own small power plant. All units powered from the national grid went into emergency shut-down when the power failed at 4 a.m. and stayed out for several hours.

The ethylene plant was one of those shut down, cutting the flow of raw material to the Frutarom company, which uses it for making Polyethylene. Production of this chemical was suspended, but the rest of the Frutarom installations

continued production under their own power.

Serious damage was caused to machinery at the Iscar Metal Company in Nahariya, as well as in other heavy industry plants in the bayside area.

Workers throughout the country arrived late at their jobs, because their electrical alarm clocks were out of action. Many were unable to shave or prepare food. One person said: "I don't mind not shaving, or drinking coffee, but the fact that I wasn't able to listen to the morning news made me feel bad, especially when things seem to be happening so fast here."

## Court denies director rights to novel by Aaron Appelfeld

The Jerusalem district court this week ruled that theatre director Motti Baharav did not have rights to a play based on a novel by Aaron Appelfeld, and ordered Baharav, who had brought suit against Appelfeld, to pay the novelist IS20,000 in legal costs.

Appelfeld, an Israel Prize winner whose work has been widely translated and who is also a professor at Bar Ilan University, said in response to Baharav's suit that the play written by Baharav on the basis of Appelfeld's novel *Badenheim* was "a vulgar distortion."

He also denied that he had given Baharav full and exclusive rights to any dramatization of the work.

In his suit, Baharav claimed that Appelfeld had given him such rights

during a conversation between the two men.

The plot of *Badenheim* is concerned with the Holocaust. Appelfeld said that Baharav, besides changing the story in violation of a promise to the author to be faithful to it, had taken it upon himself to add two characters — a Nazi officer and a homosexual.

The judge said in handing down his decision that he was not taking into consideration the artistic merits or failings of Baharav's dramatization, but only the legal aspects of the supposed agreement between him and Appelfeld.

The judge said that he had not been convinced that Appelfeld had taken such a serious step as to transfer full and exclusive rights to his work to Baharav. (Itim).

## Fire in kibbutz shed led to Haifa blaze

HAIFA (Itim). — A police investigation has determined that the fire which broke out last week south of Haifa on the Carmel range, destroying some 5,000 dunams of forest, originated in the chicken shed of Kibbutz Beit Oren.

Investigators said that flames or flying sparks in the shed started the fire. Several members of the kibbutz, suspected of being negligently responsible for the fire, were questioned by investigators.

A Haifa fire department spokesman said that a final estimate of the cost of fighting the fire is now being drawn up, but estimated that it would come to millions of shekels. The bill will be presented to the owner of the burnt forest, the Jewish National Fund.

## Opera producer Madelyn Roden dies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Madelyn Roden, stage director, teacher and one of the founders of the Jerusalem Opera Society, died in Jerusalem on Tuesday and was buried the following day at Har Hamenuhot cemetery. She was 43.

Born in San Francisco, Roden studied, performed and taught in the U.S. and in Europe before settling in Israel in 1962. Among her productions in this country were *The Beggar's Opera* and *Othello*, the latter starring her husband, Ya'acov, in the title role.

Roden had remained active in teaching and production work despite years of illness. She is survived by her husband and two children.

## Strauss dairy fined IS10,000 by Haifa court

HAIFA (Itim). — The Strauss Dairy of Nahariya, yesterday was fined IS10,000 by the Haifa Magistrates Court for producing white cheese containing a preservative forbidden by law.

Judge Michaela Shidlovsky said in her judgement that the offence was severe, because the substance can endanger health. It may be used in making cheeses other than white cheeses.

## Parents held for killing daughter

KIRYAT GAT (Itim). — The parents and younger sister of a Beduin woman, 19, who was found dead yesterday morning, were detained later in the day on suspicion of having burned her to death. Police are searching for the deceased's husband for questioning.

The woman's body was discovered after her parents complained to police in Kiryat Gat that their daughter had died when her house burned down at the Beduin encampment at Tel e-Safi, near Kibbutz Beit Nir in the eastern part of the Lachish area.

The parents deny causing their daughter's death and say she may have committed suicide, police says.

The dead woman was married to a Beduin from Rahat in the Negev more than a year ago. Several months later, she showed signs of pregnancy and her husband suspected that she was carrying her lover's child. After a quarrel broke out between the couple, she fled to the encampment of the Hucel tribe near Rahat and soon after returned to her parent's home, where she was given a house of her own in which her charred body was found.

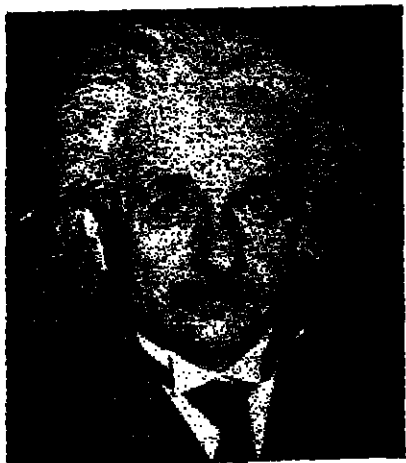
## Aid unit for ex-convicts gets new director

The spokesman of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Avraham Hoffman, will soon take on a new post as director of the Rehabilitation Authority for Ex-Convicts.

The authority, which will be a coordinating body for rehabilitation services provided by government and private agencies, was created last spring by the Knesset. Hoffman headed the inter-ministerial team which formulated the proposal for setting up the authority.

Hoffman, veteran spokesman at the ministry, will be replaced by Micha Maimon. Maimon, 34, is a former member and former Black Panther who has been active in social protest movements over the last 10 years. He served briefly as spokesman for the Jewish Agency Project Renewal department.

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## Tenth Annual Memorial Day for David Ben-Gurion — November 13, 1983

9.30 a.m.

The Elsie Fine Moran Scholars Building will be dedicated, in conjunction with Yad David Ben-Gurion, at the Ben-Gurion Heritage Center.

11 a.m.

Annual Memorial Ceremony for David and Paula Ben-Gurion at their graves.

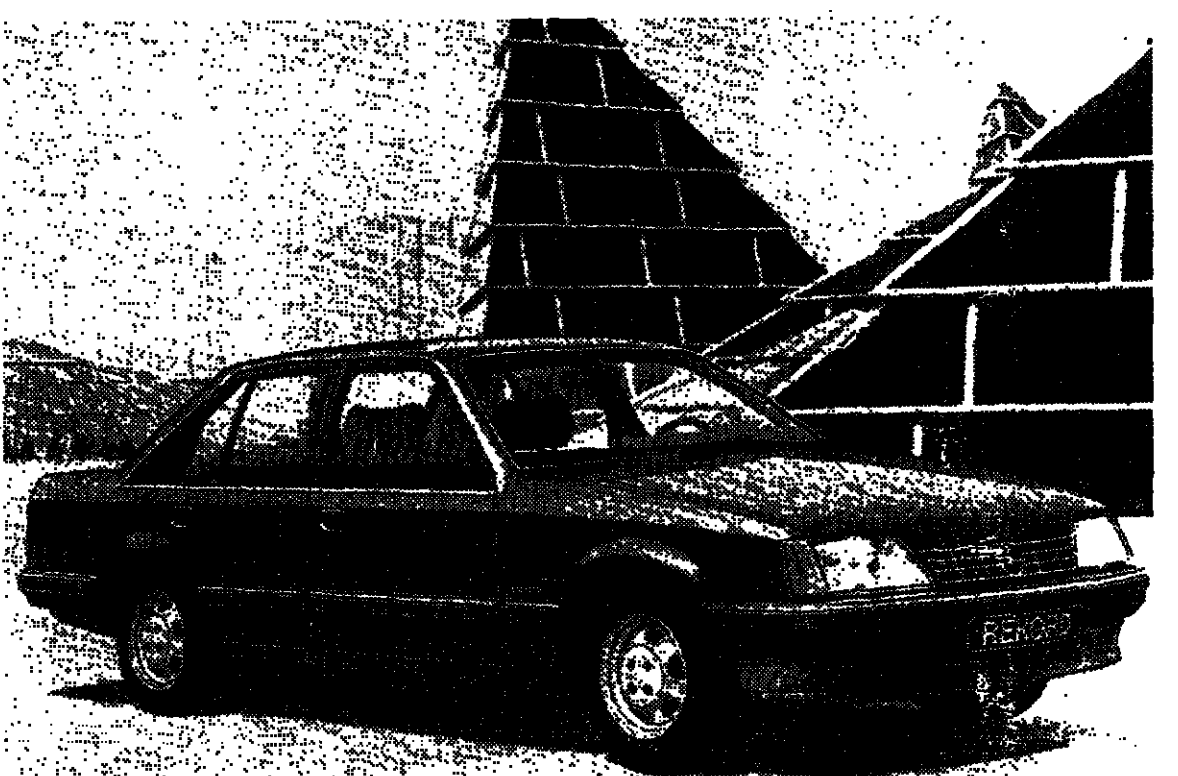
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## Angolan rebels: We downed airliner

LISBON (Reuters). — Angolan UNITA guerrillas said yesterday they shot down an Angolan Airlines Boeing 737 which crashed on takeoff three days ago, killing all 126 passengers and crew.

In an immediate and strongly-worded denial, the official Angolan news agency Angop accused the guerrillas of making propaganda out of a tragedy and added the crash was due to technical failure.

UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) said in a communiqué distributed in Lisbon that the plane was carrying soldiers and recruits from the southern city of Lubango to the capital, Luanda.

Angola said all but two of the passenger were civilians.

In a telexed dispatch Angop said UNITA had "taken advantage of a real tragedy, due entirely to technical failure, for pure political propaganda."

UNITA, which has been fighting to overthrow the Marxist Luanda government since independence from Portugal in 1975, said the shooting down of the plane was part of its new general offensive in the country, aimed at taking the guerrillas into Luanda province.

UNITA said the offensive, which began last week, had involved the killing of 112 government troops in the ambush of a train near Malange which was also carrying Cuban soldiers, and the shooting down of a MIG fighter near Huambo in central Angola.

Victims of the Lubango plane disaster were to be buried yesterday after 24 hours' official mourning.

Angola said the dead, all Angolans, included two children, two army officers and five crew.

"The majority of passengers were not members of any military structures," Angop said.

The plane crashed 100 metres from the end of the runway at Lubango, known as Sa Da Bandeira under Portuguese rule, and the scene of intense guerrilla activity in recent years.

UNITA, backed by South Africa, says it receives help from Saudi Arabia, Morocco, China and the Gulf states, and claims to control much of the south and centre of the country.

## Nicaraguan opposition heads warn Reagan not to invade

NEW YORK (AP). — Eden Pastora and Alfonso Robelo, leaders of one of the organizations fighting Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government, said on Wednesday that they had no known support from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and that President Ronald Reagan would be making his "worst mistake" if he ordered an invasion of Nicaragua.

At a press conference, Pastora said a decision to invade would be the "worst mistake Reagan could make." He said that it would give the Sandinistas a moral victory, and that he would turn and fight the U.S. if it invaded.

The Sandinistas say they expect the U.S. to invade their country.

Pastora and Robelo said that if they beat the Sandinistas they will form a "government of national unity," which would include all Nicaraguan political factions.

Robelo said: "We will hold elections within six months or a year to let the Nicaraguan people decide

what kind of government they want."

Pastora, also known as Comandante Zero, was a hero in the Sandinista movement until 1981, when he abandoned it, saying the Sandinistas had gone too far left and were "oppressing the Nicaraguan people." He is the military commander in the Democratic Alliance, and Robelo is its political leader.

The Reagan administration supports a second guerrilla group, the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, which also fights the Sandinista government, but in the north of the country. Pastora said his Democratic Alliance has neither links with the group in the north nor support, as far as he knew, from the U.S. Government.

Pastora denied a New York Times report that a CIA-owned company supplied the plane his guerrillas used in a September 8 bombing of the airport in Managua, the capital of Nicaragua.

## Reagan, Nakasone vow to overcome problems

TOKYO. — President Ronald Reagan and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone yesterday acknowledged major trade and economic differences, but vowed to work to overcome problems threatening political relations between Japan and the U.S.

Standing side by side after ending two days of talks, the two leaders openly criticized each other's policies, while stressing their hopes for step-by-step solutions that could put economic ties on a firmer footing.

Reagan and Nakasone announced they had approved an agreement by their finance ministers to examine the value of the yen, whose weakness against the dollar is partly responsible for Japan's huge trade surplus with the U.S.

Reagan arrived in Tokyo on Wednesday with the aim of strengthening U.S. relations with Japan and conducting a "peace and prosperity" mission in Asia. He is to leave for Seoul tomorrow to reassure South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan of U.S. defence commitments in case of an attack by North Korea.

About 500 members of various labour unions staged a peaceful demonstration at a Tokyo suburb yesterday to protest against Reagan's visit to Japan, police said.

In Moscow, the Soviet Union on Wednesday charged that Reagan's visit to Japan and South Korea was aimed at establishing "a tripartite aggressive alliance spearheaded against sovereign states in Asia and the Pacific." (Reuters, AP)

## Teheran moves to 'punish' France for backing Iraqis

PARIS. — Iran, angered by French support for Iraq in the Gulf War and the delivery of five Super-Etendard aircraft to the Baghdad government, has instituted a series of economic reprisals against France, the Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday.

Among the measures taken by the Teheran government were a demand that the French commercial attaché's office be shut, stiff sanctions against French banks and the closure of the French Institute for

Research in Iran, an archeological organization that has worked in Iran a century.

The action against French banks will effectively eliminate them from financing Iranian foreign trade deals.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese daily *As-Safir* yesterday quoted diplomatic sources as saying Iran has opened negotiations with the British government to buy Jaguar fighter planes to use against the Super-Etendards. (AP, AFP)

## 'Carlos' sends death threat to minister

BONN (Reuters). — The international terrorist known as "Carlos" has threatened to assassinate West German Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann if a suspected West German woman terrorist imprisoned in Switzerland is brought to trial here, security officials said yesterday.

They said the threat was made in a letter from Venezuelan-born Illich Ramirez Sanchez, alias Carlos, delivered to the West German Embassy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The officials described the letter as authentic.

## Pope denounces terrorism, violence

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope John Paul II yesterday denounced terrorism, guerrilla warfare and the international arms race, saying they demonstrate mankind's "injustice" and "hatred."

John Paul made his remarks in French to a group of 400 Roman Catholic European legislators and members of the European Parliament.

The pontiff listed several "evils" from which society is suffering: "Discrimination, violence, terrorism, guerrilla war, the accumulation of dangerous armaments, the violations of fundamental human rights, the scorn for the life of innocent people and the flagrant disparities between rich and poor."

## New drug may help treat cancer

LONDON (Reuters). — Scientists at a British university have discovered a new compound which could help treat breast cancer, according to a paper published in a scientific journal.

Dr. John Mann of Reading University said the compound inhibits the production of estrogen, which is essential for the growth of the tumour in about one-third of breast cancer cases in the western world.

The compound, known as 4HAD, has cured mammary tumours in rats, said the paper in this month's journal of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

## Heineken ready to ransom chairman

AMSTERDAM (Reuters). — Heineken breweries said yesterday it was ready to pay a ransom for the release of its chairman, Freddie Heineken, kidnapped Wednesday night by three armed men.

The company was anxiously waiting for the kidnappers to make contact and had asked police to hold back from the case, a spokesman said.

Asked about reports that the kidnappers of Heineken, 60, and his 57-year-old chauffeur, Ab Dodere, had already had been in touch with the company, the spokesman refused to comment.

Two Uzi submachine guns were found at the spot where the kidnappers abandoned a minibus used in the getaway, a police spokesman said. Experts were still examining the blood-spattered vehicle.

Heineken said it had asked the police to hold back their search for the kidnappers to try to ensure the safety of the two victims.

Freddie Heineken, a very wealthy man who is a leading figure in Dutch business and a friend of the royal family, was grabbed by the three masked men as he left his office.

The gunmen, who were waiting

outside, sprayed teargas in the faces of two women who were with him. Dodere was struck and abducted as he went to help Heineken.

A taxi driver who saw the kidnapping gave chase and saw the abductees change cars. But he was forced to duck below the dashboard of his car and reverse when one of the masked men approached with a gun, police said.

At a press conference, police gave the impression they accepted the brewery company's request to hold back from the case, saying the freeing of the two men in good health is their primary concern.

## Peru city polls seen as test of regime

LIMA (AP). — Despite guerrilla threats and bloodshed, more than seven million Peruvians are to vote on Sunday in nationwide municipal elections that are seen as a test of President Fernando Belaunde's three years of democracy.

Belaunde's party dominated the last round in 1980, but with annual inflation of 120 per cent, 30 per cent unemployment, daily devaluations, gross national product expected to fall 10 per cent this year, and the Belaunde administration being

forced to renegotiate \$350 million in loans, voters are expected to show displeasure at the polls.

Belaunde's party has been trailing the Social Democrats for several months in public opinion polls, indicating a loss of support from the 35 per cent of the government candidates won in 1980. The Social Democrats finished then with 22.6 per cent, the United Left with 23.9, and the Christian Democrats with 10.9.

## East Germany marks Luther jubilee

EAST BERLIN (Reuters). — East Germany yesterday honoured Martin Luther, the 16th century founder of the Reformation who was once condemned by the Communist state as a lackey of princes.

East German deputy leader Gerald Götting said: "Martin Luther has shown Germans the way through five eventful centuries of their history."

He said he hoped that church-state cooperation in celebrations of

the 500th anniversary of Luther's birth today would be a basis for them to work together in future.

But Götting also used his address to church and state leaders and international guests at Luther jubilee celebrations in East Berlin's opera house to attack NATO plans to deploy new missiles.

He said East Germany would increase its armaments if necessary but is determined to prevent a new war in Europe.

## Gaddafi asks Congress to remove Reagan

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi yesterday said President Ronald Reagan is power mad and called on the U.S. Congress to remove him.

In a message to Congress reported by the official Libyan news agency, Jana, Gaddafi appealed to congressmen and the American people to end the Reagan presidency before he destroys the world.

In a separate message to the UN secretary-general, the presidents of the Security Council and General Assembly, the Non-aligned Movement, and the Organization of African Unity, Gaddafi urged international action to force the U.S. to remove its growing naval force from the eastern Mediterranean.

## Toll of injured in Italian quake at 100

ROME (AP). — Dozens of families in the northern Italian town of Parma spent Wednesday night outside after a strong quake felt as far away as Switzerland rattled their homes and injured at least 100 people, officials said.

Officials said thousands fled from their homes in Parma, near the epicentre, after the Wednesday afternoon quake that measured 5.8 on the Richter scale. About 400 of

the city's 150,000 residents were unable to return, because gas and electric lines were cut or because of structural damage to their buildings.

Authorities in Parma, 458 kilometres north of Rome, reported that at least 100 were injured by falling objects and that 57 spent the night in the hospital receiving treatment. Three were reported in serious condition with head injuries.

## McEnroe, Connors stroll through but Glickstein succumbs to Mayer

By HYAM CORNEY

LONDON. — Israel's Shlomo Glickstein has made an early exit from the major Grand Prix tennis tournament at London's Wembley arena. Glickstein was bundled out in the second round when player Gene Mayer proved too good and won 6-2, 6-3.

Glickstein offered no excuses. "He was just too good for me," he said graciously afterwards. Mayer, seeded fifth for the tournament and ranked twelfth in the world, has played Glickstein a number of times before and has never lost to him.

Defending champion John McEnroe, playing his first match since serving a three-week suspension, strolled through his first round match with a 6-2 6-4 win over Britain's John Lloyd. McEnroe, winner of this event four times in the past five years, merely went through the motions for much of the match but had too much skill, invention and power for Lloyd.

Johnny Connors yielded his new grand slam trophy to the British. "Today was the first time I have tried hitting forward with it" and it worked well," Connors said after the one-sided match.

Other second round results: Steve Danieles (U.S.) def. Michel Schapery (Holland) 6-3, 6-4; Andrei Gornes (Rumania) 6-1, def. Tomas Spil (Czech) 6-2, 6-4.

In the Women's Tennis Association \$10,000 tournament in Sweden, Laruelle Ralston Blayn and Chris Blayn both reached the main singles draw after each winning two tough qualifying matches.

Isperich also reached the last 16 as the club's undefeated pair John Ward and Paul Martin, charged off their clash despite with the constant rain to win the game to beat Queen's Park Rangers 3-2. Other results: Aston Villa 3, Manchester City 0; Chelsea 1, West Bromwich 1; Everton 2, Coventry 1; Leeds 1, Oxford 1; Norwich 0, Sunderland 0.

## Spurs outgunned at White Hart Lane

LONDON (Reuters). — Expensive close-season signing Charlie Nicholas fired his first goal for more than two months to Spurs Arsenal in a 3-1 win over Tottenham in the third round of the English soccer League Cup.

Nicholas, a £650,000 buy from Celtic, put Arsenal ahead in the 34th minute when he pounced on a rebound off goalkeeper Ray Clemence. His previous goal was way back on August 29. Tony Woodcock extended the lead immediately after halftime with his ninth goal in five matches and although Glenn Hoddle pulled one back with a penalty four minutes later, Arsenal's coolness in defence and sharpness in midfield helped clinch victory.

The plan was dropped. But in West Germany, a bill considered likely to pass takes a similar tack, offering up to \$4,200 as "return aid" to tempt Turks, Yugoslavs, Koreans, Moroccans, Portuguese, Spaniards and others to go home.

In Denmark and Norway, polls show majorities thinking immigrants should go home.

The experienced Belgians, the only nation apart from the hosts to have booked one of the seven places in France, were sent crashing by a rashly played Swiss side determined to avenge the 3-4 thrashing they received in the opening group game in Brussels last October.

In Olympic qualifying Poland beat Norway 4-0 and Belgium and France drew 1-1.

## Europe's racial bias aggravated by economic recession

By LARRY THORSON

LONDON (AP). — Turkish migrant workers suffer in West Germany, France has tried paying Moslem Arabs to go back to North Africa and Britain's non-whites live with pervasive discrimination in employment and housing.

An undercurrent of racial and anti-foreign prejudice is nothing new in Europe, the continent that

gave birth to the fanatical anti-Semitism of Hitler, that sent its armies, traders and missionaries into the world carrying "the white man's burden" of civilizing other peoples.

But as economic recession in the past decade has pushed unemployment to record levels in many countries — 10.1 per cent overall in the 10-nation European common market — foreigners and non-

whites have become increasingly tempting targets.

Many migrant workers were recruited for jobs in Europe 20 or 30 years ago.

The post-war "economic miracle" meant that Turks were welcomed as guest workers in West Germany, that France needed labourers from Algeria, Morocco, Spain and Portugal. Britain's labour

shortage 30 years ago caused it to hire West Indian blacks for London's underground trains and Indians and Pakistanis to work in textile mills.

A black GI and a black American civilian were killed along with a 21-year-old Egyptian last June when a 26-year-old neo-Nazi opened fire during a racial argument in a Nuremberg disco.

Today, things are far different. In Britain, for example, unemployment is running at 13 per cent.

Almost all of Britain's minorities are citizens. Elsewhere in Europe, most migrant workers are long-time resident aliens with assimilated children caught in wrenching problems of dual loyalties.

The West German Interior Ministry registered 2,047 violations with "rightist extremist background," up from 1,886 in 1981.

The Netherlands' reputation as the most tolerant country in Europe is wearing thin with unemployment at 17 per cent, probably the highest in the industrialized world.

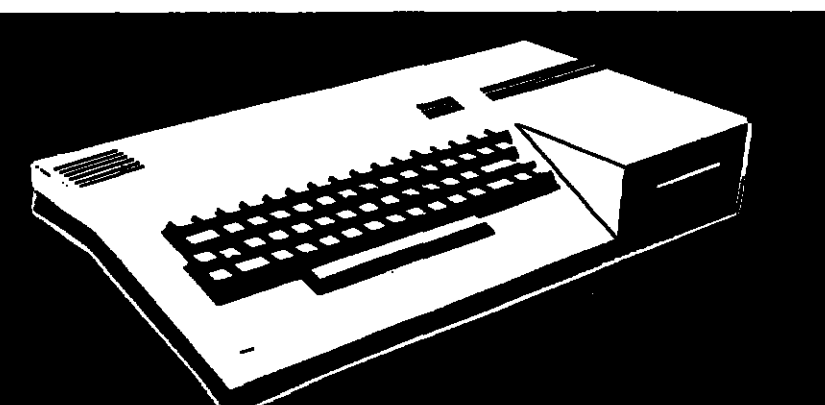
The major Dutch political parties were alarmed in October when the openly racist Centrumpartij won 9 per cent of the vote in municipal elections in the central Dutch town of Almere.

In the late 1970s, Conservative president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing offered immigrants about \$1,500 to leave, but only about 12,000 accepted the offer and many sneaked back in later.

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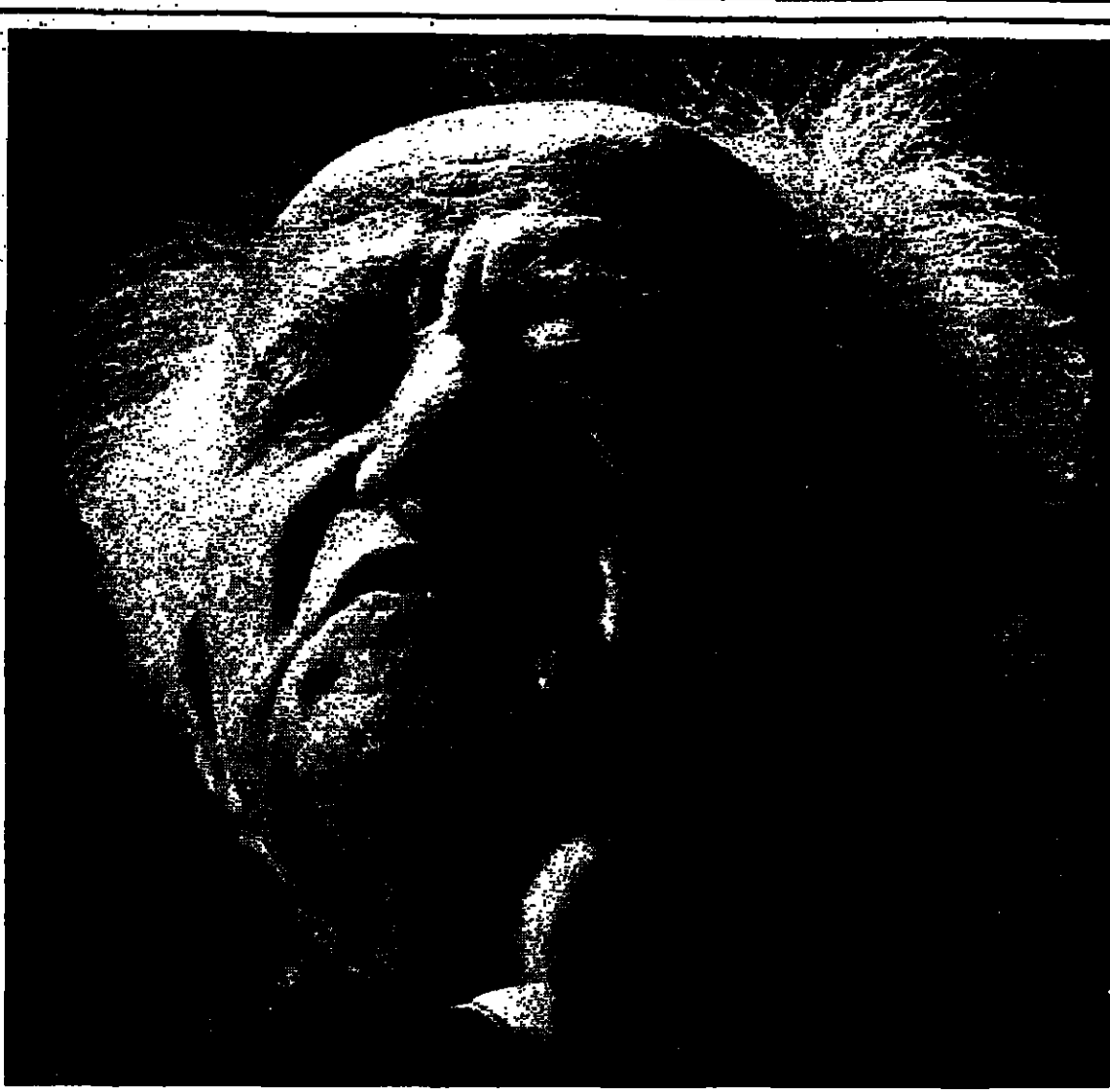
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## REMEMBERING BEN-GURION

Jerusalem Post Editor Ari Rath assesses the qualities of Israel's founding father on the 10th anniversary of his death

IT WAS A COLD, rainy winter night in Jerusalem 10 years ago. Endless lines of people from all walks of life were moving slowly across the Knesset plaza to pay a last tribute to the man who, more than any other single person, is to be credited with the creation of the State of Israel.

Political friends and foes mingled in one huge, orderly crowd to take leave of the man who had become a legend in his lifetime and was regarded by them as the father of the nation. Bitter disputes and fierce arguments, which had been part and parcel of the long political struggle for Jewish independence, were forgotten, as their homage to David Ben-Gurion, the determined and often uncompromising leader, united them.

It was only a few weeks since the end of the bitter Yom Kippur War, and the nation was longing for the voice of a strong political figure who would again imbue it with hope and vision. Ironically, it was the voice and the memory of the dead Ben-Gurion that brought back such hope.

DAVID BEN-GURION was a man of contrasts. His personality can perhaps be summed up as that of a national leader with near-prophetic vision combined with immense political pragmatism and courage. Yet he could be stubborn to the point of unreasonableness over an issue which he regarded as a matter of unassailable principle. He was a tough and determined political leader who was capable of taking the most agonizing decisions against tremendous odds. Faced with the choice of upholding a principle or carrying out a political or military move which he regarded as vital, he would be undeterred by party or personal loyalty, even to his closest allies and comrades. Yet he was also a man of great sentiment and human compassion, although these traits were hidden most of the time under a tough exterior.

He would fight his adversaries without mercy, both inside and outside his own political camp, yet towards the end of his days he yearned to become reconciled with them and to be able to restore old friendships.

A RECOLLECTION of some of the major crossroads and decisions in Ben-Gurion's long political career will best illustrate his foresight, vision, pragmatism and dilemmas. In addition to the famed achievements, there were many political and personal defeats.

In the early Thirties he had reached a personal agreement with

Zeev Jabotinsky, the Revisionist leader, on renewed cooperation between the two major camps of the Zionist movement. Despite their opposing views, Ben-Gurion thought that the re-merging of all Zionist forces would best serve the enormous tasks of national revival and help to remove the bitter and often violent rivalry between the Labour-Zionist and the National-Zionist camps in the tiny Jewish community — the Yishuv — of Eretz Yisrael.

It was a purely pragmatic move, which did not diminish his bitter criticism of the dangers inherent in the teachings of what he perceived as "nationalist, abstract adventurism" which could not contribute to the building of a Jewish homeland in the Middle East.

Ben-Gurion was overruled by his colleagues in the Labour movement — one of the few times he had to yield to a majority opposing his views — and the rift in the Zionist movement, and later between the major political camps in Israel, widened more and more.

Ben-Gurion was overruled once more by his party colleagues in 1937, when he favoured accepting the partition scheme of the British Peel Commission, which would have created a tiny Jewish state along the coastal strip, roughly between Tel Aviv and Haifa. Yet he believed that it was vital to attain even a small area of Jewish sovereignty where a mini-Jewish state could help rescue the victims of the Nazi regime which had come to power in Germany four years earlier.

IN THE SUMMER of 1939, Britain issued the infamous White Paper, curtailing Jewish immigration and settlement in Palestine to the point of strangulation. A few months later Ben-Gurion was to coin the famous slogan, "We shall fight Hitler as if there was no war against Nazi Germany." He then set out to establish an elaborate organization to bring in Jewish immigrants "illegally" — Aliya Bet — and to establish Jewish settlements in "forbidden" areas under the noses of the British.

Ben-Gurion recognized early on that a military clash with the British in defence of aliya and Jewish settlement, and subsequently with the Arabs who kept on fighting the Yishuv, would be inevitable once World War II ended. Strengthening the Jewish fighting force — the Hagana — which subsequently became the nucleus of the Israel Defence Forces therefore became

his top priority. But at the same time he rejected and fought against the extremist, dissident underground military movements, IZL and LEHI, which were headed by Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir.

In 1942, the crisis year of World War II and eventually its turning-point following the Allied victories at El Alamein and Stalingrad, Ben-Gurion decided that it was time to demand "forthwith" the establishment of a "Jewish commonwealth." Since he proclaimed this before an audience of American Zionists at the Biltmore Hotel in New York, it became known as Ben-Gurion's "Biltmore Programme."

It was rejected by both the more left-wing activist part of the Labour movement, and by the right-wing nationalists, because it would have meant the partitioning of Eretz Yisrael into a Jewish and an Arab state. But this time Ben-Gurion's view prevailed within the main stream of the Labour Party — the then Mapai. He knew that without Jewish sovereignty, the survivors of the Nazi Holocaust would not find a home and a refuge once the war was over. Ben-Gurion's determination, which carried the day, caused a split in Mapai and in the Labour movement, from which it only recovered 25 years later. But the main aim of Zionism was saved.

THE NOVEMBER 1947 partition resolution of the United Nations, Britain's exodus from Palestine in May 1948, and the proclamation of the State of Israel on the same day, despite the imminent invasion of five Arab armies, were the logical conclusion of Zionism's political watershed which began with the Biltmore programme.

Twenty-five years later, Ben-Gurion recalled with disappointment another daring move of his which was stifled by a majority of his cabinet colleagues from his own party. Towards the end of the 1948 War of Independence, he proposed a military campaign that could have secured the bulk of the West Bank and all of Jerusalem for Israel.

"I know that we could have got the whole of Jerusalem and the area all the way down to Hebron within 10 days," he said in his last interview with *The Jerusalem Post*. "But the cabinet decided against it and there was nothing I could do."

IN THE EARLY Fifties, Ben-Gurion realized that it was time to come to terms with what he called a "new Germany," which was slowly emerging from the years of Nazi tyranny. He found in Konrad Adenauer, the leader and founder of post-war Germany, who was 10 years his senior, a faithful ally in this daring and painful move. Again, Ben-Gurion met with opposition from the left and from the right. But he prevailed, undeterred even by Herut's march on the Knesset in an attempt to torpedo approval of the

Reparations Agreement with Adenauer's Germany.

Five years after the establishment of the state, Ben-Gurion decided that it was time to reflect and to serve as a personal example for Israel's youth in order to revive the pioneering spirit of the pre-state era. He stepped down from office for a short period and made the young Kibbutz Sde Boker in the Negev his home.

At the height of the Fedayeen attacks in 1956, Ben-Gurion, once again prime minister, became convinced that Israel would have to act against Nasser's Egypt — the main supporter of Arab aggression at the time — possibly in cooperation with the French and the British. He was convinced that he would not be able to launch what was to become known as the Sinai Campaign as long as the moderate and pedantic Moshe Sharett remained foreign minister in his cabinet. Despite their long-standing joint leadership, Ben-Gurion did what he thought was inevitable. He put the choice to his party: "Either Sharett or me. We can no longer work together." A three-man committee, which included Sharett's own brother-in-law, Shaul Avigur, recommended unanimously that Sharett would have to go and that Golda Meir should become foreign minister.

Political determination and necessity had to prevail over personal loyalties in Ben-Gurion's eyes.

THE LAVON affair of the early Sixties, in which the veteran party leaders Golda Meir, Sharett, Pinhas Sapir, and his long-time close associate Levi Eshkol sided against Ben-Gurion, was the undoing of his political career. All attempts at mediation, to bring Ben-Gurion to reason and compromise over an issue which, on the face of it, was esoteric and largely irrelevant to the realities of the Sixties, failed. In Ben-Gurion's view, the need for a judicial inquiry into the 1954 security "mishap" in Egypt when Pinhas Lavon was defence minister was a sacred principle.

In June 1963, 15 years after he became Israel's first prime minister, Ben-Gurion stepped down. He realized that he had lost the confidence of his closest party colleagues, who in fact had revolted against his firm and so often uncompromising leadership.

Two years later, in 1965, Ben-Gurion took a completely unexpected step. He decided to revolt against the Labour movement which he had founded, and informed his still loyal supporters Moshe Dayan, Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Navon and Yosef Almogi that he was forming his own party — the List of Israel Workers, Rafi. When they failed to prevail upon him to desist from such an extreme move, they followed him, reluctantly, into the political wilderness.

Perhaps one of Ben-Gurion's biggest disappointments came with the celebrations of his 80th birthday in 1966. It was the year of the "great split" in Mapai, and although thousands of people had come down to Sde Boker to attend a big pageant, depicting the history of his life, some of his closest colleagues, with whom he had shared his entire political life, stayed away. He was then the head of the small, 10-member Rafi Knesset faction, the first time that he had been in opposition to the establishment. Yet he seemed undeterred and stepped up the writing of his memoirs.

JANUARY 1968, brought personal tragedy. Paula, his faithful companion for 50 years, died suddenly. Ben-Gurion went to the Sde Boker College, the fulfilment of one of his dreams of an institute of higher learning in the heart of the Negev, to choose the site of a grave for his wife and himself, a small plot opposite the library, facing the Wilderness of Zin.

As if by the irony of fate, Ben-Gurion's loneliness became political as well as personal in that same month: his faithful disciples, Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres, decided to rejoin Mapai and to form the Labour Party together with

Ahdut Ha'avoda. Ben-Gurion remained a lone opposition of one in the Knesset.

He began to spend more and more time at Sde Boker, immersing himself in his hundreds of files and thousands of books, writing page after page by hand every day, as if in a fever to complete his memoirs before his time ran out.

Then came his 85th birthday in 1971, which became the year of the "great reconciliation." The entire cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Golda Meir, came down to Sde Boker to hold a special session in his honour in the college library. At last Ben-Gurion was at peace with both friends and former foes, and the bitter disputes of recent years were forgotten.

Israel's first prime minister and elder statesman had become an undisputed national figure, reaching another pinnacle in the long public career that stretched over seven decades — one of the few leaders in the history of any nation to have lived long enough to see his political visions materialize.

IN THE LAST interview I was privileged to have with him, in April, 1973, at the time of Israel's 25th Independence Day, Ben-Gurion reflected calmly on the stormy days of 1948.

"We simply wanted to be on our own at last," he said. He was as convinced now, as he had been then, of the rightness of his decision to go ahead with the plans to proclaim the establishment of the State of Israel on May 15, despite the imminent invasion by five Arab armies and the advice of influential friends and statesmen, such as the U.S. secretary of state, George Marshall, to postpone the proclamation to a more opportune moment.

"I knew that they would not succeed in destroying us, although the Arab states fighting us had 30 million people and we were a mere 650,000, including women, children and old people. I feared we might lose 60,000 in the battle," he said with characteristic directness, "but

we actually lost little more than 6,000."

And then, as if in a flash-back, he recalled the hard but beautiful days of his arrival in Eretz Yisrael at the beginning of the century; his seemingly endless walk through the sand to Petah Tikva in the summer of 1906, only a few hours after landing at the port of Jaffa; and his loneliness as a young man of 19 far away from his home and family.

"We were only a handful of Jews in this country, but I already knew then that we would have a state of our own one day."

AT ONE POINT in the interview Ben-Gurion expressed regret that he had not been able to make up with some of the key-figures who had turned against him during the Lavon affair. Former prime minister Levi Eshkol had already been dead four years, Pinhas Lavon himself was critically ill, and Independent Liberal leader Pinhas Rosen had turned down Ben-Gurion's feelers for reconciliation. At the same time, with all his criticism of Menachem Begin, Ben-Gurion sounded rather pleased that, after all their years of bitter rivalry, they would meet from time to time to exchange views and recall old arguments.

He celebrated his last, 87th, birthday in Tel Aviv on October 18, 1973. The Yom Kippur War was still raging, but the worst days were over, and Israeli troops were advancing in the north and in the south. Ben-Gurion expressed his faith in Israel's victory, stressing that "the Bible inculcates courage and tenacity in the People of the Book." And he added:

"As long as the people of Israel remain small in number, they will face the world alone; but when there is a big, strong nation in Israel it will dwell securely among the nations and many will seek its friendship."

This was to be Ben-Gurion's last public statement. A few weeks later he suffered a stroke from which he never recovered.

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# The full half of the glass

Post Political Reporter Sarah Honig assesses the significance — locally and nationally — of the run-off elections.

LIKE BEAUTY, political victory is perhaps in the eye of the beholder. This is the one inescapable conclusion that can safely be drawn from the local elections now that the second and final round is over. If anything, the run-offs again proved how adept both major parties are at seeing only the full half of their particular glass and ignoring the empty half. Both the Likud and Labour focused smugly on their wins and belittled their losses.

This is just what happened at the end of the first round of the elections on October 25. Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres then euphorically announced an "almost turnaround" in national voting patterns, heralding, to his mind, a Labour victory at the next Knesset polls.

For the Likud, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy was gratified to note that his party had not lost and, indeed, had even managed to show some gains, despite the economic crisis, cabinet shifts, and other disasters, all of which combined to create a very unfavourable position for the Likud.

IN SOME WAYS, the second round — though limited to only 34 local councils — was more interesting for political observers than the first, though this was not at all reflected in a higher voter turnout.

The run-offs put to the test some of the claims of victory made by the two chief protagonists. Labour, for example, claimed success after the first round in Kiryat Shmona and Dimona, though no mayoral candidate surmounted the 40 per cent minimum necessary for election on the first round. It also claimed that there had been a turnaround in development towns away from the Likud and in favour of Labour.

To top that, the second round of the 1983 local elections had more sheer drama in it for the simple reason that the races were strictly two-way contests. There were not numerous lists in the arena and no council seats were up for grabs. The contests involved races between two mayoral candidates who had risen to the top of the heap in the first round.

Wherever the combatants represented the Likud and Labour, the battle became all the more interesting because of the impression that the two major political blocs were, in effect, engaged in a direct showdown; it was therefore believed that the result would somehow indicate an overall political mood, with implications

for the next Knesset election, whenever that may be called.

BUT DID the run-offs really clarify anything or confirm trends discerned in the first round?

The answer can be no more than a very frail and qualified yes, and that only in a limited sense or in a specific sector of the electorate.

The run-offs strongly underscored the one signal which emanated from the first round — the Likud was not punished by the voters in the wake of the economic upheavals and the resignation of prime minister Menachem Begin. Labour, contrary to vociferous proclamations, failed to drum up a decisive clear-cut protest vote. If anything, Labour's rhetoric only made the Likud look better than it otherwise would have done.

The second significant outcome of the run-offs is that Labour's jubilant claims of a reverse in development towns did not materialize. The Likud did not control most of these towns to begin with, and traditionally mustered more support in them for its Knesset list than for its local candidates.

In the 1978 local elections — hot on the heels of the Likud's 1977 Knesset victory — it made a few hesitant strides in development towns, winning Kiryat Malachi, Yavne, Beit Shemesh and Kiryat Gat. In last month's first round, it maintained control in all these, despite all the handicaps, and won several more.

The clincher came in this week's second round, with a whole crop of development towns falling into Likud hands, most of them wrested from traditional Labour control, in some cases since the very founding of the towns.

Such was the case in Kiryat Shmona, where Prosper Azran convincingly beat Labour's veteran mayor Avraham Aloni. Labour's campaign manager, Mordechai Gur, MK, ascribed much importance to Kiryat Shmona, since it is perceived as the chief beneficiary of the Lebanon War.

In Dimona, uninterrupted



decades of Labour control were overturned by the Likud's Eliyahu Hellal.

The Likud can now claim control of almost the entire development town component of Galilee, as well as great gains in the development town sector elsewhere — all this under adverse conditions.

Labour's development town victories — in Sderot and Ofakim — were against NRP candidates, whose party's performance in the local polls can hardly instill much hope in the feuding NRP leadership.

But as any freshman statistics student learns right off, anything can be explained with numbers and any number can be explained away. Gur, for example, did not tally Labour with the Likud in the

development town sector. He did not compare the outcome of the 1978 and 1983 local polls. Instead, he compared the number of votes which the individual Labour candidate in each development town garnered in the latest local election with the total number of votes cast for Labour in the town in the 1981 Knesset contest.

From Gur's point of view, this is an analogy that pays, since it cannot but make Labour look good, regardless of the actual results.

BUT THE PROBLEM is that this is like comparing apples with oranges. Local and Knesset elections are different, with different voting patterns and different considerations guiding the electorate's choice. Diehard Likud supporters can

support a Labour mayor and vice-versa. Local issues and the personal appeal of the mayoral candidate more than anything else govern the decision of the voters locally. This is the only way to explain one party's debacle in one city and its landslide success in a nearby municipality, with a similar population.

Parties can do well in a city in the national elections, but lose the mayoralty because it fielded a weak candidate. The Likud since 1977 has been doing better in the Knesset arena than in the municipal races, for instance. Only in the latest local elections has it shown signs of beginning to make any inroads into Labour's municipal power, having won 14 out of the 20 run-off races in which it participated.

Thus, since voter preferences locally mirror very little of their Knesset voting patterns, Gur's comparison is not quite valid. It is far from certain that those who backed one party's mayoral candidate in Kiryat Shmona will necessarily support his party for the Knesset, especially when it is not known when or under what economic and political conditions the Knesset elections will be held.

Labour had already proclaimed such success through a similar comparison in 1978, juxtaposing the local election returns then to the 1977 Knesset election results. But the jubilant predictions then of a Labour comeback in development towns were not borne out by the 1981 Knesset elections.

Moreover, figures in run-off elections are, by their nature, misleading. In a two-way race, percentages garnered by winners and losers are always large. If the victor got 60 per cent, then the loser still came away with 40 per cent. This does not, however, mean that the loser's party has increased its local support, because the run-off is a race conducted under special conditions.

Just how dangerous it is to attempt to translate local contests into national Knesset trends is demonstrated by the upsets which the elections provided in two more municipal sectors — the large

working-class immigrant cities and the veteran middle-class municipalities.

Unlike the development town category, where a clear pro-Likud trend was established, in both the other categories Labour and the Likud can indulge their penchant for wishful thinking by gazing fixedly into their private full half of the glass.

The immigrant towns yielded an Ashdod success for Labour, while the Likud can happily point to Lod. Ashdod is a big feather in the Labour cap by all accounts. But is it representative of a trend?

The Likud's three-term incumbent Zvi Zilker was foiled in the first round by no less than four competing Likud breakaway candidates. They prevented him from attaining the 40 per cent minimum that would have assured him of election on the first round (though he came close to the target) and continued working against him on the second round as well.

Before the run-off, he also made a bad tactical error by contracting a coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael. This lost him support, since many voters in Ashdod fear the growing influx of ultra-Orthodox residents. Moreover, Labour's man, Arye Azulai, is of Moroccan origin and he also had the good political sense to team up with a local Georgian immigrant list. In Ashdod terms, this constituted an unbeatable combination, making Zilker's downfall a foregone conclusion in Likud headquarters.

BUT JUST how little it all means nationally can be inferred from the results in the almost twin towns of Lod and Ramle. Lod saw the election of the Likud's Maxim Levy (the deputy premier's younger brother), who wrested the city from Labour rule, while next door in Ramle, Labour came out on top.

These towns are not different enough, socially or economically, to produce contradictory results that make sense nationally or serve as a yardstick for national elections.

The fact that towns so close in character and so close geographically can go such different

political routes leads to the inevitable conclusion that each case was decided by the appeal of the contenders in the context of specific local situations.

An identical lesson can be learned from the run-off results in the well-to-do veteran cities. Labour surprised itself by doing so well in Ramat Gan and the Likud gloried in its unexpected Netanya landslide. Here again, cities of similar socio-economic make-up produced quite different electoral results.

After the first round in Ramat Gan, when it was apparent that three-time Likud incumbent Dr. Yisrael Peled was doing badly in this traditionally Liberal city, Likud insiders diagnosed that he was suffering from the Nevo Syndrome.

They were alluding to the fall in the first round in Herzliya of veteran Labour mayor Yosef Nevo, largely because of personal unpopularity. Here, the Likud declared, was something similar, but with the shoe on the other political foot.

Of course, Peled, unlike Nevo, ran neck-and-neck with his challenger and was also foiled by a breakaway Likud list, led by David Melamedowitz, which denied him 14 per cent of the vote in the first round. That, with Peled's own 39 per cent, would have been more than enough to put him over the top.

Incidentally, Ramat Gan, though a Liberal bastion, registered a Labour lead in the Knesset elections, illustrating once again that one type of election can hardly serve as a gauge for another.

Perhaps the new Likud mayor of Netanya, Yoel Elroy, explained his victory and his Labour opponent's defeat best when he advised that "no one try to read anything into these elections that isn't there."

"These were local affairs and were won or lost on local issues," he said. "In Netanya, people wanted a change from the Labour administration. That's all there is to it."

That's all there was to it in the first round, too. Whether the parties' national headquarters like it or not, these elections have only a very limited significance.

If Labour wins the next Knesset elections, it will have very little to do with the fact that Avraham Aloni, the many-time Labour mayor of Kiryat Shmona, lost to his Likud challenger Prosper Azran by a seemingly smaller margin than the Labour Knesset list lost to the Likud Knesset list in the 1981 national elections.

## War of words against Israel

Post Washington Correspondent Wolf Blitzer looks at the effect of the pro-Arab lobbyists in the U.S. capital

OVER THE past decade, Americans of Arab descent have become increasingly more aggressive in trying to lobby for greater U.S. support for the Arab cause. As an ethnic political power, they still lag well behind the American Jewish community.

But at the same time, Arab Americans have made some inroads. In the process, of course, they have had both considerable direct and indirect support from other groups which have a huge stake in promoting the Arabs — the big business community, the major banks, the oil companies, the giant construction firms with contracts in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Gulf, and the professional "Arabists" in the foreign policy establishment.

I.L. "Sy" Kenen, the founder of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the pro-Israeli lobbying group on Capitol Hill, used to refer to this conglomerate as "the patro-diplomatic lobby."

The National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), which was actually established on the AIPAC model, has become much more outspoken in recent years in trying to do two things: explain the Arab side of the story as effectively as possible, while at the same time, make Israel's case as weak as possible.

One of the NAAA's major areas

of concentration has been Israel's enormous dependence on U.S. economic and military assistance.

For years, they have sought to weaken congressional and public support for these large scale U.S. aid programmes to Israel. Their efforts, based on the annual roll calls in both the House and Senate, have not been very successful. Israel, by far, is still the most popular U.S. foreign-aid recipient. But they continue to try, and now, they have come up with a new twist.

"Is it fair to America?" the NAAA asks in 60-second paid radio commercials heard lately on a local station. "At a time when there's less for all Americans, when unemployment affects millions, when we are suffering the effects of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, is it fair for Congress to give \$2.6 billion to Israel?"

"Altogether, over the past 10 years, Israel has obtained some \$22 billion in gifts and low-interest

loans, and at this rate will get 44 billion U.S. tax dollars in the next 10 years. This is not fair. This is outrageous."

THAT RATHER BLUNT style of political lobbying, in itself, would be newsworthy. But the NAAA goes on to single out one specific congressman who has been among Israel's best and most influential friends: Democratic Representative Clarence Long of Maryland, the powerful chairman of the house appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations.

It is that panel which must pass all foreign-aid legislation. And it is that panel, under Long's active leadership, which has made certain that Israel's aid package — as originally proposed by the administration — is not only maintained but actually increased every year.

"Congressman Clarence Long of Baltimore is at the forefront of this more-for-Israel campaign," the ad

says. "Call Clarence Long at the House Appropriations committee. Ask him why he wants more for Israel when there's less for America. This message is brought to you by the National Association of Arab Americans. We paid for this spot because we think you have a right to know."

UNDERSTANDABLY, the ad has caused a stir in Washington, especially in the Jewish community. At least one local radio station is playing a response — without charge — noting that Israel is a valued strategic asset of the United States and that aid to Israel represents an investment in America's own national security.

Long, for his part, has not made a major issue out of his being targeted by the NAAA, although it clearly has upset him. He is determined to continue in his support for Israel, irrespective of the opposition.

"So far," he said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, "I've ig-

nored them."

He said he would continue this low profile until "I feel that it got to the point where I think they are a real embarrassment." That has not yet occurred.

In any case, Long, like so many others in Congress and the administration, sees U.S. assistance as vital to America's own security. He is not about to back away from that stance.

The Arabs, he said, are the ones who have been "extracting nearly a trillion dollars from the U.S. taxpayers and working people by raising the price of gasoline through the oil embargo and using that money to buy weapons that threaten Israel and also menace each other."

Long added: "Israel is probably the best guarantee that we have in the Middle East to defend against Arab nationalism and oppression and Russian imperialism."

"Without Israel, what on earth would we do? Take the price to us in terms of Marines, for example.

We would have to take scores of thousands of people into the Middle East to protect the oil wells and so on. That would require calling up the reserves and the draft because, right now, we are spread so thin that an attack on Korea, or an attack on the Turkish Straits, or something like that would make it impossible for us to deal with our commitments with our present force. And who wants a draft and who wants a calling up of the reserve forces?"

Long believes he was targeted because "they are also trying to intimidate the Congress. Most of this effort is going on in Washington. I think they are trying to send a message to other congressmen: 'Look, if you vote for aid to Israel, this is the kind of thing that is going to happen to you.' So this is not just an attack on me."

THE NAAA, while increasingly active in recent years, has also faced some severe problems from within

the Arab American community.

For one thing, another group has emerged — the American Lebanese League — which is by no means hostile towards Israel. That group supports the Jemayel government in Beirut and its leadership has pointed out that most of the estimated three million Americans of Arab descent — as opposed to six million Jews — are really Lebanese Christians, rather than Arabs.

On the other side of the NAAA are the more radical Arab Americans who have been even more hostile towards Israel. Among them is the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, headed by Dr. James Zogby and former Democratic Senator James Abourezk of South Dakota. Their major effort has been to wash as much of Israel's dirty linen as possible in public.

But if the NAAA thinks that its radio campaign against Long is going to score some points for the Arab cause up on Capitol Hill, it is wrong.

For one thing, most congressmen have a sense of comradeship and, if anything, they resent these direct attacks against a colleague. And for another, the next time the NAAA comes to testify before Long's subcommittee, its spokesmen might have a rough time from the chairman.

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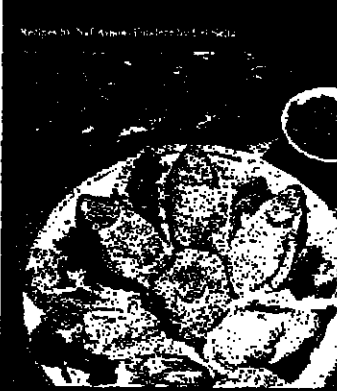
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## Misuse of TV

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

WHILE PUBLIC attention is centred these days on restoring confidence in the economy, it is appropriate to consider the problem of confidence in government. Not in this government, in particular, or the one that preceded it, or the one that will come after it — but in government *per se*. The problem transcends politics. It is a matter of legitimacy and authority.

Legitimacy and authority in government mean that a minister is not just another politician. But not on Israel Television. It is not disrespected but an erroneous perception of his role that explains the way Israel Television presents a minister before the viewing public.

A minister may indeed appear as one more contestant in the political arena, in which case he should be treated on television just as any other political factor. But he may appear as a minister, wrapped in the garb of authority and legitimacy. Then he must be presented accordingly.

Yigal Cohen-Orgad's announcement on currency controls was — or should have been — such an appearance. The television news establishment, however, failed to make a distinction.

It seems that there is no way that a government minister can make an announcement to the public, other than in the format of an interview, without being immediately exposed to probing questions, generally of a critical nature. The problem is not in the courtesy or lack of it of the particular interviewer — although, even here, there is much to be desired — but in the interview format itself.

The interview, as employed on Israel Television, is rarely for the purpose of eliciting information. Rather it is in the nature of a confrontation, after the model of courtroom cross-examination. Its journalistic tradition spans Edward G. Robinson in *Front-Page* and Woodward and Bernstein in *Watergate*.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING has an honoured place in journalism, but its place is not everywhere. It would have been very much in order in a critical examination of the bank stock bailout, which was highly questionable from any economic, social or legal point of view, and exceptional, if not unique, not only for Israel, but for any developed free nation.

But here, Israel Television was passive, almost submissive, contributing thereby to the lack of significant public debate on the "relevant" issues.

Just as the medium is the message, so is the interview format. It is a confrontation with the public, represented by the inquiring "reporter." The confrontation immediately introduces an element of conflict. Indeed, it almost assumes conflict.

Surely such a public-vs.-government confrontation has its place on the television screen. President Ronald Reagan will no doubt be asked probing questions about Grenada at his press conference, and Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger may choose to expose himself to the cross-fire of *Meet the Press* or *Face the Nation*, on which our *Moked* is patterned.

But one cannot imagine the U.S. president announcing and explaining the invasion of Grenada as part of a television interview, in which he is immediately challenged with hostile questions.

YET THIS is the fate of the luckless minister in Israel, with an important announcement to make and the desire to make it in person.

Not even the president of the state is spared. Chaim Herzog's explanation of his decision to place the task of forming the present government on Yitzhak Shamir was also via the interview route. An exemption was granted to his predecessor, Yitzhak Navon, after the massacres in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, a television appearance whose extraordinary impact on the public mood was due not only to its content, but also to the fact that the president had spoken to the nation directly.

The emergency regulations permit the government to make an announcement in case of national emergency. Former finance minister Yoram Aridor was severely and properly criticized for exploiting this legal dodge to defend his economic policies.

There is no excusing the subterfuge, of course, but sympathy is due to a responsible minister who is reduced to such means as the only way to present his views directly to the public.

This does not mean that any minister should have an automatic right to television time just for the asking. Criteria of newsworthiness and public interest are relevant, and they are for the Broadcasting Authority to apply. But the possibility of a direct, unmediated address to the nation should exist.

When Cohen-Orgad announced the administrative controls on the purchase of foreign currency, he was immediately peppered with questions, if that is the proper term for them, of the "how-can-we-trust-you-after-all-you-people-have-done-to-us" variety.

The questions were legitimate, but the restoration of public confidence was also a legitimate objective of the minister. He had a right to try, without hindrance from the Broadcasting Authority, at least not then.

TREATING THE minister as just another political partisan, the interviewer then turned with fine impartiality to the opposition spokesman, Gad Ya'acobi, to whom the same interview technique was duly applied.

Equal time, the apparent rationale for twinning Cohen-Orgad with Ya'acobi, does not mean equal status. The Alignment is the opposition; it is not a government in exile. Israel has no equivalent of the British monarch's speech from the throne. By this device, the queen presents the programme of the government in a statement she delivers, although it is prepared by the prime minister.

If we ever develop such a custom, the government's programme will probably be presented by a television announcer. What other symbol of legitimacy and authority do we have?

The writer is a political scientist.

THE LABOUR Alignment, buoyed up by its partial successes in the local elections and by the government's troubles in the economic sphere, has made clear its determination to press for early elections to the Knesset.

It should not come as a surprise if it is at long last joined in its initiative by the Likud, which hitherto has resisted the idea. A confluence of developments in a number of spheres would seem to militate in favour of Likud support despite the desperate opposition of its small religious coalition partners.

The most obvious giveaway of the intention to go to early elections is the package of economic steps — it hardly merits the title "economic programme" — successfully maneuvered through the cabinet by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad in his first three weeks in office.

Orgad is a knowledgeable professional economist and a courageous enough Likud politician to be sufficiently aware of the true dimensions of Israel's economic crisis to permit him to talk a good game. What he has been saying, to the effect that "the party's over," cannot be faulted. He has had no reason to be embarrassed by the irresponsible pie-in-the-sky "correct economics" history of his predecessor so he is not stopped from speaking many home truths to the Israeli public.

But the package that he has pushed through the cabinet in record time is a far cry from the tenor of his words. Part of the yawning gap between Orgad's words and his deeds can be explained by his need to work within the constraints of the selfsame skin-of-the-teeth

WILL THE NEW education levy lead to the erosion of free compulsory education in Israel or is it simply a means of raising revenue to pay for increased salaries for teachers?

According to Ora Namir, head of the Knesset Education Committee, the new education levy is not the beginning of the end of good state education for all, because as far as she is concerned, the rot set in five years ago.

During that period, she says, no less than 130,000 learning hours were lopped off the elementary schools' timetable. This includes extra reading, mathematics and school library hours, especially earmarked for educationally disadvantaged pupils.

There have also been cuts in services which hit directly at Israel's poorest children, such as the near-total abolition of school meals and dental services. Any further cuts are likely to go to the heart of Israel's education system, class teaching and guidance-counselling hours.

This is because 85 per cent of the ministry's budget goes on teachers' salaries, and teachers' salaries must soon be raised by 20 per cent if the four-year-old recommendations of the Etzioni Commission on teachers' pay and conditions are to be implemented. And if they are not implemented very soon, both of the teachers' unions are likely to take industrial action.

THE COMMISSION, whose recommendations were approved by the cabinet in 1979, was set up to find ways and means of improving teachers' performance.

Israeli teachers, the commission stated in its findings, have both a low self-image and do not enjoy high status in the eyes of the public. One of the many means the commission recommended for helping to raise the status of the teaching profession was a salary increase of 35 per cent, which meant equalization with the salaries of engineers. Other recommendations included the full professional qualification of all teachers, which means either a BA or a diploma after four years at a recognized teachers' training college, more in-service training — and two more working hours a week by each teacher.

Some of these recommendations have simply dribbled away over the past four years. The cabinet of 1979, and the then finance minister Yigael Hurvitz, balked at the staggering thought of 35 per cent raises for the nation's 65,000 teachers, but the cabinet accepted the recommendations in principle. Hurvitz demanded that the increases be paid in stages, a demand that was

## Necessary reform

By YOSEF GOELL

coalition majority that prevented Yoram Aridor's belated conversion to the economics of sanity.

THE DIMENSIONS of the Orgad package, however, are an indication of his recognition of the fact that no real economic reform can be effected within the context of the government coalition as it is now constituted. The most that can realistically be aimed at, he seems to have concluded, is some emergency fire-fighting measures which would not alienate too many voters.

The positive effects of last month's big devaluation will be totally eroded in two to three months unless the automatic indexation of wages is broken before next January. But there seems to be next to no hope of actually bringing the Histadrut to agree to that, even under the threat of growing unemployment.

The imposition of a monthly fee of 13700 on parents of schoolchildren in lieu of earlier high-flown talk of cutting budgets turns out to be a source of funding of the teachers' wage rises under the Etzioni Report which had been

resisted even by Aridor for close to three years.

Overshadowing everything is the fact that the Treasury's support for the shares of the big banks now totals over half a billion dollars, a figure which will clearly outweigh whatever real cuts are made in the government budgets.

The discrepancy between Orgad's talk and his economic package can be explained only by the realization that this is the maximum that is politically feasible in the short term with a long-term new economic policy feasible only as the result of a political reshuffling made possible by early elections.

THE PUBLIC opinion polls indicating that Labour is ahead of the Likud should not be taken too seriously. The turn-around in the 1981 Knesset elections should serve as an example.

The real question that should be worrying the Likud leaders is whether the economic situation can be expected to get better or worse. In terms of a year or two, the answer is clearly, worse. But it need not start getting bad enough to stampede a large number of vacillating voters into the arms of

Labour for at least the next few months.

The argument in favour of the Likud's backing early elections is further strengthened by the outcome of the local elections. Likud politicians were clearly worried that the economic events of the last two months would wipe them out in the local polls. The results, however, were quite balanced between the Likud, Labour and the large number of local lists; in any case, they provided much greater cause for optimism than anything Likud leaders had hoped for.

Further, Israel is mired as deeply in Lebanon as it was months ago, but the advent of the winter snows in that country may well postpone the start of a major terrorist campaign against the IDF in Southern Lebanon until the late spring thaw. Daily casualty lists may hopefully not be a major factor in the political debate for the next four to five months.

And above all, the new honeymoon between the Reagan administration and that of Yitzhak Shamir can be expected to reach its zenith during the prime minister's planned visit to Washington next month. The timing of a Likud move for a Knesset vote on early elections may well come with Shamir's triumphant return from Washington.

THE SMALL parties, regardless of what their leaders are saying, are the ones that are opposed to early elections. It is clear that neither Labour nor the Likud can get legislation calling for a dissolution of the Knesset without the other's support.

The improved tenor of personal relations between leaders of the two

major parties following the political eclipse of Begin, Sharon and Aridor may be just the factor to make such agreement possible, despite the chagrin of the Likud's small coalition partners.

When and if such feelers are put out, it would be desirable if agreement were extended to an area beyond the mere calling of elections. It has been clear for some time that no economic reform will be possible for a future government headed by either major party if it remains at the mercy of its small, particularistic coalition partners.

It is time for the leaders of both major parties to recognize that their parties — and indeed the country — share a common interest: that of making effective government possible. The minimum precondition for this is the elimination of governmental dependence on the small parties.

The leaders of the Likud and Labour should be courageous enough to set the rules of the game to permit their playing for the full bank. The next government should have either a Likud or a Labour majority in the Knesset. This can be accomplished quite easily by raising the threshold for participation in the distribution of Knesset seats after an election from the present 1 per cent to 3 or 4 per cent.

More far-reaching proposals for electoral reform can come later, but that step, which would take us from dependence on paralyzed coalition government to majority one-party government, must be undertaken in the present Knesset.

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## The heart of the matter

By SUSAN BELLOS

accepted by the Education Ministry and finally by the teachers. A compromise was reached whereby the teachers would accept considerably less pay — but would not work any more hours.

MANY OBSERVERS felt that this compromise was a sad reflection of what is called the "feminization" of Israel's teaching profession. This meant, and means, quite simply that almost all our (Jewish) elementary school teachers and most of secondary school teachers are women, which in turn means that for too many of them, teaching is just a supplementary income in the family.

And as far as many teachers' mothers are concerned, it seems, they would rather earn less money and have more time with their families.

But these attitudes were predicated on relative economic plenty; it remains to be seen how long Israel's female teachers will remain passive about smaller wage packets during the present recession.

Ora Namir sees the new 13700-a-month education levy as part of a general erosion of the law of universal, free and compulsory education. This law, she notes, was written into Israel's Declaration of Independence and, she says, "it's one of the things that this country is all about."

What this country is all about, in her view, is an educated, and equal, population.

The levy also worries Namir because she thinks "it will hit the poorest and weakest the hardest — never mind the middle-class, they'll manage."

When there are cuts in education, Namir says, some parents will give up everything — "a new car, a video, holidays, anything and everything rather than their children going short of music lessons or museum visits."

But when poorer families who are sometimes not aware of the importance of extra-curricular learning are faced with contributing an extra 13700 a month, they are likely to be a lot less enthusiastic about after-school activities. And these, says Namir, are precisely the families

whose children are most in need of enrichment.

BUT WHAT ABOUT the Education Ministry's rough estimate that 20 per cent of Israeli families will be exempted from the levy? And what about the positive discrimination shown in making sure that all families, whether they have one or fifteen children, will pay only 13700 each?

"What, and whom, is going to decide who can pay and who can't pay?" asks Namir. "It will end up with families having to go to the welfare offices to ask for exemptions. And many families will be too ashamed to expose their children to the stigma of being welfare cases and will just suffer silently and pay up."

People in the Education Ministry dislike the new levy intensely and seem to feel that they were lured into it by threats from the new finance minister; that this is the only way he can cover the salary increases required by the Etzioni Commission.

Eliezer Shmueli, the ministry's director-general, clearly finds the whole idea distasteful. "Our job is to provide education and not become a tax-collection agency," he says.

Nor does he believe that the levy has anything to do with covering the Etzioni salary increases. "That agreement was a cabinet decision made four years ago, and the government is still bound by it. Whether the school levy does or does not cover those wage increases is besides the point. They are committed by a cabinet decision of 1979."

Shmueli does not, however, see the new levy as being the first step towards two systems of education in Israel, a poor and public one, and a growing small private sector for the elite. "That's rubbish," he says. "There is a tiny minority of private schools in Israel, some of which are unlicensed by the Education Ministry. They are, and I think they will always be, irrelevant to the Israeli public."

The levy, in his view, is just an unpleasant way of collecting more money for a painfully limping

budget. "But what scares me stiff," he says "is the threat to class learning hours next September."

WORDS LIKE "private education," "erosion" and "equality" are to some extent a question of definition.

While Eliezer Shmueli is probably right in not expecting Israeli parents to descend in droves and press for an alternative private school system, Ora Namir is also clearly right in perceiving a real erosion in the quality of much of Israeli education.

What is likely to happen is more of what is happening right now: middle-class schools will demand more and more extra payments for extra cultural and educational activities which schools serving poorer populations won't dare to. And middle-class parents, faced with a situation where the average class size in both Israel's elementary and junior high schools is fast approaching 40, will resort to paying for more and more private lessons.

In better days, those same parents might be shelling out for violin lessons... but today's middle-class parents are more likely to be paying for private math, English and even remedial reading lessons.

Middle-class children, thanks to the valiant efforts of many of their parents, will be privately compensated for the deficiencies of today's state education, but the children who most need that compensation are already losing out.

One of the big items on last week's budget cuts was what are referred to as "after-school activities." What this often means is tutoring for poorer children in community centres in such basics as math and reading, as well as equally important cultural activities, such as music and art.

THE PRESENT CUTS, which are part of a general trend, reflect a government not overly concerned with egalitarianism. In spite of all the Likud's professed concern for its poor Oriental electorate, it is doing very little to provide them with a better schooling.

It can be argued, of course, that this government represents a people who are not really concerned with egalitarianism any more. Perhaps it's an old-fashioned idea; perhaps what we are all longing for is free competition, a meritocracy and the survival of the fittest.

Perhaps. But in a country so totally dedicated to the military, the ministries of finance and defence might do well to ponder the following fact: 20 per cent of Israel's male recruits cannot read the front page of a tabloid newspaper. Considering that another 20 per cent of our third-graders, according to surveys conducted this year by Dr. Yosef, Bushi of the Hebrew University's School of Education, have very poor reading and math levels, this figure is unlikely to change dramatically unless there is a lot more financial investment by the government.

And according to Ora Namir, "If the present erosion continues, we won't have 20 per cent of functional, illiterates going into the army in 10 years time — but 30 per cent."

Perhaps we are living in such hard times that we should all forget about culture. But nasty realities remain, such as the fact that Israel's army is becoming more and more computerized, and must continue to do so in order to keep its edge. Good soldiers, let alone good citizens, can't be made on today's budgets.

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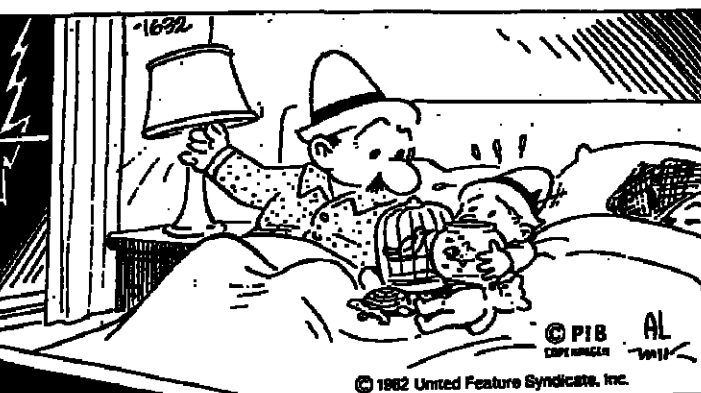
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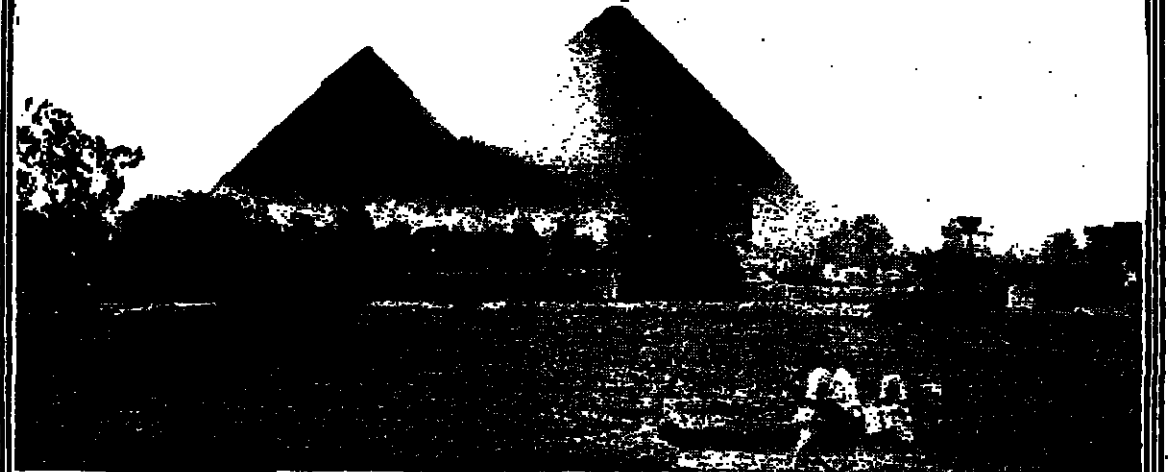
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Ascona 1600, 1982, automatic, air conditioner, 35,000 km., 515,000, 02-85731, 02-755551.

Opel Rekord 77, 1700, automatic, second owner, private: 02-910187, home: 928430.

**PEUGEOT**

504, 1975, T.A., injector, air conditioner, improvements, 02-443875.

504, 1976, one owner, 80,000 km., automatic, 55,000, 02-755340, 02-31471.

304, station, 1972, second owner, year test, 250,000 km., 02-755340.

504, 1977, after engine overhaul, year test, excellent condition, 02-951025, 55340.

504, G.L. 1975, automatic, air conditioner, stereo, metallic, 02-443875.

104, G.L., late 1981, one owner, 25,000 km. 747611.

304 station, 1978, 78,000 km., excellent condition, 02-755386.

505, 1979, private, one owner, 1981, excellently kept. 02-723392.

504 GL, 1973, automatic, 33,000, 311133, 373335.

304 station, 1979, one owner, automatic, air conditioning, 02-72468, Saturday, 02-439501, weekdays.

504, 1976, automatic, air conditioner, radio-tape, test, well kept. 02-21216.

504, 1974, automatic, excellent condition, well kept. 02-556162, 02-86919.

404, 1974, automatic, good mechanical condition, 420,000, 919284.

504, 1973, well kept, excellent condition, radio-tape, ventilator, 02-42935.

304, 1973, excellent, year test, 170,000 km. Tel. 02-410134.

Peugeot 504, 1976, automatic, unit condition, 02-611022, work. 02-470670, home. 02-795550.

505 SR, 2000, late 1980, air conditioner, 35,000 km., like new, 1,950,000, 02-755340.

504, 1973, 91,000 km., test, 52,700, Tel. 02-780448.

504, station automatic, 1974, second owner, 180,000 km. 02-50190.

**RENAULT**

Delta Station 1972- air conditioner. Home: 02-344342, work: 729181.

Renault station, Delta, 1979, list price, 02-41156.

Renault 18, 1981, automatic, 32,000 km. 284407.

Renault 14, 1982, brand new, one owner, 28,000 km., radio-tape, very well kept. 02-28302.

Mercedes 230-80, automatic, according to price-list, 02-71462.

Volkswagen Golf 1100-3, 1982, year test, 184 Derech Hiyam.

Volvo GL 1979, 3000cc, well kept, extra, for disabled, 14,000 km. Tel. 02-751852, 02-751852.

Transit commercial, 1974, year test, 02-532245.

Chiron, 1980, GS, Pulla, second owner, 80,000 km. Tel. 02-709955.

**SIMCA CHRYSLER**

1981-1510, metallic spray, one owner, 56,000, 743401.

Simca 1000, 1118 engine, 1976, year test, 02-397120.

Simca 1100, 1977, 15215 km., Tel. 02-321777, 02-319101.

Chrysler, 2 litre, 1974, automatic, well kept, 751726.

Simca 1100, 1977, excellent, radio, 1524000, 02-26109.

**SUBARU**

Subaru 1600 station, 1978, excellent condition, 02-76078.

2 Subaru 400, 1979, Tel. 02-926526, 02-9265380, Yaakov, 08:00-16:00.

1600 automatic, 1979, 153,000 km. Tel. Shalom Schwartz, 02-20222, Sunday-Thursday, 07:30-17:00.

Subaru station, 1973, good condition, 02-96528, no Shabbat.

Subaru 76-77, very well kept, 41693, 24,028, weekdays.

Subaru 1400 DL, 83,500, 02-854183, 02-854183.

Subaru DL 1600, 1979, automatic, air conditioner, simply superb! 02-411277.

Cortina station, automatic, 1975, 120,000 km., like new, 81875.

Subaru 1600, 1981, one owner, superior mechanical, 719255, evenings. 02-34285, mornings. 719255, evenings.

Opel Rekord, 1700, 1972, after engine overhaul, 02-961558, no Shabbat.

Alfa Giulietta Super L.R. 1973, 130,000 km. 02-810577.

For connoisseurs! Lancia 1600, 1978, excellent, year test. 537181.

Kipa Automatic! Auslin Algor. 1979, 55,000 km., 41189.

Autocheck! good for buyers! Car check before purchase, reliable and thorough. 718363.

Bargain! Beetle, 1964, good mechanical condition. Tel. 02-31878.

**TRIUMPH**

200, 2 roofs, classic, T.R. 4, A.S., 1967, 57,200, 423387, Eyal.

**U.S. CARS**

Oldsmobile 1981 Omega, beautiful, like new, bargain. 02-527004, 02-231531.

Oldsmobile Omega 1978, 6 cylinder, automatic, for connoisseurs. 02-923647, 02-536042, Broghman.

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1977, equipped, from diplomat, 13,000 km. 02-40780.

Dart 1974, air conditioner, and power, excellent, 826651, home: 421777.

Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, 1976, fully automatic, 2 doors, unique condition, 02-342303, no Shabbat.

Bargain! El Camino 1979, luxurious, one owner, excellent, 8000, 02-83388.

Oldsmobile Omega 1978, 36,000 km, one owner, like new, luxurious, 02-923647, 02-536042.

For sale! Fairmont 1979, 33 hp, 45,000 km., one owner, power steering, air conditioning, 151,200,000, 29994, office: 443285, home: 02-52382.

Valiant, 1974, automatic, air conditioner, stereo, 91181, 903381.

Omega 2000, 1980, additions, 80,000 km., 26,000, 02-525672.

Fairmont Ghia 2600, 1980, power steering and brakes, air conditioner and stereo, 30,000 km., from disabled, excellent condition, 826525.

Bargain! Cadillac Eldorado, 1974, all additions, 57,000, 02-42256.

Ford Fairlane, 1983, radio-tape, excellent mechanically and externally, 02-857312.

Ford Fairmont 1979, 6 cylinder, one owner, 90,000 km. Tel. 02-42256.

Dodge Dart 69, fully automatic, 80 engine, 02-77008.

**VAUXHALL**

Viva, 1972 automatic, overhaul, excellent condition. 02-443718, 02-91062.

**VOLKSWAGEN**

Volkswagen commercial (Transporter), 1983, windows + benches, 02-92427, 02-16502.

Beetle 70, 1300, test, radio, 130,000, 22,000, 773655.

Volkswagen van, engine 2000, 76, excellent condition, radio, 704397.

Beetle 1700, 1980, radio, excellently kept, 02-44325, afternoon.

Polo 81, second owner, from rental, well kept, 57,000, 02-472878.

For connoisseurs only! Golf GTE 1978, excellent, 02-721605, 02-666637.

Beetle 1968, excellent condition, year test, 02-421021.

Beetle 1302, superior, 1972, 130,000 km., 250,000, 02-454651.

Golf 1500 automatic, 1978, 73,000 km., well kept, 02-72661.

Pasat 1979, 1600, automatic, 47,000, 02-547915, no Shabbat.

Beetle 1303, 1973, radio, test, excellent condition, 02-25930.

Volkswagen commercial, 1971, new engine, 02-311890, no Shabbat.

Honda 175, after overhaul, 1970, on road since 1973, 17,000 km., test, well kept, 02-903800.

Beetle 1300, American, 1969, 02-552436.

Beetle, 1970, excellent, 3rd owner, year test, 821825, afterwards.

**Cars for Sale**

Opel Kadett, 1982, 39,000, automatic, white, 4 doors, 02-242431.

Poli Ritmo 75, 1980, automatic, excellent, 57,300, Tel. 02-81753.

Sale, low-truck, D-300, 1979, excellent condition, 02-71502.

Mercedes 230-80, automatic, according to price-list, 02-71462.

Volkswagen Golf 1100-3, 1982, year test, 184 Derech Hiyam.

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# An Italian terrorist's story

THE RED BRIGADES, feared as cold-blooded and professional left-wing terrorists, were really a gang of bunglers. At least that's the image portrayed in a book written by a repentant member.

Patrizio Peci described his life-on-the-run as a string of bombs that would not explode, shots fired accidentally in secret hideouts and cars-trapped in traffic jams in the middle of an escape.

"People imagine the life of a 'brigatista' (Red Brigades guerrilla) is all violence, mystery and adventure," writes Peci in his book *Io, L'infame* ("I, the Infamous"), the first public glimpse into the daily life of an Italian terrorist.

"Those moments are very few. The rest is nothing but problems, because the 'cause' hardly distracts you or helps you make peace with your girlfriend... that is if you manage to have one," he says in the book, co-authored by historian Bruno Giordano Guerri. It's now No. 3 on Italy's national best-seller list.

The Red Brigades are believed to have participated in nearly 100 attacks in which 55 people died between 1974 and 1980, according to government statistics. Since then, they have been blamed for dozens of other attacks, although the numbers have declined.

Its most spectacular blows were the 1978 kidnapping and murder of

five-time premier Aldo Moro and the abduction of U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier in 1981. Dozier was rescued by police after 42 days in captivity.

Peci, 32, was "sentenced" to death by the Red Brigades for helping police arrest scores of terrorists after his defection in 1980. He served more than two years in a high-security prison, was paroled and now lives in police custody.

His younger brother, Roberto, was kidnapped and shot to death in 1981 by the Red Brigades in a futile attempt to stop Peci from talking.

"EVEN the most beautiful moments of underground life end up being ridiculous and grotesque," says Peci, who was found guilty by Italian courts of several terrorist attacks that killed seven people and wounded 17. Under a controversial law designed to encourage terrorist defections, he was given a reduced sentence.

Peci, who lived in the central coastal village of San Benedetto until he joined the Red Brigades in the mid-1970s, says his first armed action was a knee-capping — a terrorist tactic aimed at wounding Red Brigades targets in the legs.

"We waited for hours in a garage. When my target, a high-level Fiat employee, was finally a few steps away from me, I pulled my pistol,

aimed, and ... click. No shot. I had simply forgotten to load it."

Unfortunately, for the intended victim, Peci had another pistol, which did function.

"When people now talk about the military training of the Red Brigades, they make me laugh. It's all kids' stuff," he says.

Peci says bad luck also dogged the group. He tells a story of when he and a fellow terrorist agreed to meet with a third party at the door of a Turin church to plan an attack. As they waited for the third man, a young couple holding hands approached them.

"I thought they were undercover cops, and we began to sweat as we went to our weapons inside our pockets. Instead, the young man said: 'We are in trouble and have to get married now, but we don't have witnesses. You gotta help us.'"

Peci said he and his accomplice couldn't resist and agreed to sign as witnesses. "We even testified after the wedding," Peci writes.

PECI SAYS disguises were never his strong point and recalls he once had to rush out of a crowded bar after his false moustache plunged into his cappuccino.

Another problem divided the membership. The Red Brigades leaders, concerned about information leaks, banned love affairs outside the

gang. Peci says that policy resulted in unwanted pregnancies and a major headache for the leaders, who had to approve abortion costs in monthly expense accounts.

Then the doctor who performed abortions for Red Brigades terrorists in Turin was shot by "those fools of Front Line," another ultra-left gang that had declared war against illegal abortions, Peci says.

Despite large ransom payments from kidnappings, money was always a problem for most of the Red Brigades, Peci says.

He recalls receiving between 4,000 and 5,000 lire a day (about \$3) which forced him "to live on salads and cold cuts."

Since Dozier's rescue, the government has rounded up dozens of the brigades and many of its jailed leaders admitted early this year that armed struggle "had short-circuited."

"We had been defeated politically and militarily," says Peci, explaining his defection.

"You feel the grief and the remorse for the death you have spread, and there is no deflection or repentance that can make you forget it. It's something for the rest of your life ... it is like you have been knee-capped in the conscience."

(Associated Press)

# COUNTDOWN TO HANUKKA

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EVEN WITHOUT looking at the calendar, we know that Hanukkah is just around the corner. How? By the pace of contributions to The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund. For the first time in many months, new contributions to the Toy Fund have exceeded those to the Forsake Me Not fund, although the latter is still ahead in progress totals.

A major spurt has been given to the Toy Fund by long-time stalwart friend, Frieda Epstein of Chicago, who has been collecting from relatives and friends for many years, as well as contributing from her own resources.

Mrs. Epstein is an early bird. She sends out Toy Fund reminders together with her Rosh Hashana greeting cards. This year, she did some collecting at her own special birthday party and came up with the admirable total of \$791. Whenever possible, Mrs. Epstein visits Israel just a few weeks before Hanukkah, so that she can deliver her collections personally. This year was no exception.

Frieda Epstein is one of several American friends of The Jerusalem Post funds who make it an annual practice to make our task easier.

However, at today's prices, the money which we have in hand will not stretch very far to provide toys and games for thousands of children in government institutions and in foster care. Hanukkah begins on December 1. Please help to put a smile on the face of a child.

The most recent contributions to The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund are listed below.

IS15,000 K.G. Haifa.

IS10,000 Elisheva Stern, Maor Hayim.

IS7,500 Dagan Batey Mangurot Le-Israel.

IS2,000 in the names of our seven grandchildren — Saba and Saba Frank, Kfar Hanassi.

IS1,800 in memory of Zofia F. Popkin, from the Jerusalem Post, Kfar Hanassi. Sashia, Naomi, Doreen, Shai, Asaf, Yael, Nadav, Hagai and Yochai. One hundred times *Al* in honor of the 85th birthday of Dr. Richard Wildman — Judy and Phil, Haifa.

IS1,500 Anonymous, Ra'anana.

IS1,440 Eighty times *Al* in honor of Mrs. Pauline Schwartzman of Johannesburg, South Africa on the occasion of her 80th birthday — Her good friends, Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Berold, Gauteng.

IS1,200 On our 48th wedding anniversary and for six grandchildren — G.M. and C.G.M., Ramat Gan.

IS1,000 In the name of Lea Valin, Kinyat Ata. Fortune Cabasso, Givatayim. In the name of my grandchildren Sharon, Dror, Yonit, Nir and Tal — G.F., Kinyat Beit.

IS1,000 In honor of the Ruzhitzky family. Debbie Adelsky, Tel Aviv. Mrs. Neumann, Tel Aviv.

IS956 Anonymous, Jerusalem.

IS715 H. Fawcett, White Plains, N.Y.

IS750 In honour of my Daddy — Cookie, Jerusalem.

IS600 N.N., Haifa. Gaila Cohen, Jerusalem.

IS500 Mrs. Mary Sosenfeld, Tel Aviv.

Anonymous, Haifa. Ben Peleg, Ramat Hasharon. In honour of our precious daughters Keren and Daphna Westrich, Ramat Hanassi and in honour of our dearest daughter and son-in-law, Dalia and Yosi Westrich, Ramat Hanassi.

IS400 Mrs. Sylvia Lieberman, Rabin and Mrs. A.M. Rine, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shafner, Mrs. Sylvia Fink, Mrs. Edith Marka, Dr. and Mrs. Alex Arieli, Mr. Bonnie Kanter, Sh. Lavin, Mollie Lavin, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kanter, Mrs. Sara Meyer, Mrs. Ben Abramson, Ms. Heidi Kanter.

IS150 Anonymous, Haifa.

IS100 Anonymous, Haifa.

IS791 Contributions in honour of the special birthday of Frieda Epstein, Chicago, Ill. (For a happy and healthy New Year and my heartfelt thanks to all, three times *Al*).

Frieda Epstein, \$50, Lilly and Joseph Turner, \$36, Rosella and Lionel Talbot, \$18, Nicole Nancy Abrams, \$36, Dr. and Mrs. Sam Lipsitz, \$25, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kanter, Leo Gershonov, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Lavin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goldstein, Fred Gershonov, Mr. and Mrs. Benet Lavin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hochberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mathew, \$20, Mr. and Mrs. G. Paul Rosenberg, \$18, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rothner, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rothner, Mrs. Dorothy Zakon, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ragins, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Treasky, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lavin, Dr. and Mrs. Abe Aaronson, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Lemon, Mrs. Lottie Rosenzweig, \$15, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pinkert, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fishman, Mrs. Rachel Minik, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Sohn, \$10, Mrs. Marion Handelman, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gershonov, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Washover, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Wallace, Mrs. Mae Weiss, Mrs. Sylvia Lieberman, Rabin and Mrs. A.M. Rine, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shafner, Mrs. Sylvia Fink, Mrs. Edith Marka, Dr. and Mrs. Alex Arieli, Mr. Bonnie Kanter, Sh. Lavin, Mollie Lavin, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kanter, Mrs. Sara Meyer, Mrs. Ben Abramson, Ms. Heidi Kanter.

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(Uzi Keren)

chat with a passing young woman whose mother has been ill but is better today. Then she demands the car be stopped so she can intervene in a street encounter: young girl heckling an old man, nine-to-five civil servant etc.

Rikva is limited by a budget: won't stretch. She has a drawer of projects that could, and should be undertaken, she says, to help elderly, only there's no money. Beit Shemesh, she says, the government has not provided enough 30 years, and now more cuts are expected.

The approach of winter and the Forsake Me Not fund's increasing concern about its priorities, supplying blankets, heaters to the elderly through Israel. There is so much to be done, and as always, not enough funds to see that it is done. We hope that even in these economically tight times, people will open their hearts and their purses to the less fortunate.

Cheques should be made out to Forsake Me Not, and sent to: Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 8, Jerusalem, 9100. Please print name for inclusion in our lists of contributors in block letters. Receipts are given, of course, for every contribution.

Recent contributions to Forsake Me Not:

IS10,000 Elisheva Stern, Maor Hayim.

IS5,000 K.G. Haifa.

IS3,000 Anonymous, Jerusalem.

IS2,000 E. Frank, Kfar Hanassi. In honor of the respective birthdays in September-October of our parents, Ruth and Murray of Cape Town, South Africa, with them both to 120!—Their children Rina and Moshe Meran, Ramat Gan; Neumann, Tel Aviv.

IS1,500 Anonymous, Ra'anana. Anonymous Haifa. In honor of the 85th birthday of Professor L. de Leeuw, with best wishes from his fellow residents at Beit Jil Haifa.

IS1,200 In memory of the six who have gone away this year — G.M. and C.G.M., Ramat Gan, on the occasion of our 48th wedding anniversary.

IS1,000 In memory of my parents and my mother, Margaret, Kfar Hanassi. G.F., Kinyat Beit. G.F., Kinyat Beit. Givatayim, Dr. and Mrs. Y. Jutin, B. Sava. Ra'anana Bridge Plaza, Anonymous, Jerusalem.

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## Blowing hot and cold

CASPAR Weinberger, the U.S. Secretary of State, has done it again. Just as Jerusalem and Washington are about to embark on a new strategic dialogue, he has decided once more to make known his reservations about Secretary of State George Shultz's initiative to promote closer ties with Israel. The fact that President Ronald Reagan is reported to have authorized this course of action last month at a meeting of the National Security Council does not seem to bother Mr. Weinberger too much.

He does have the Pentagon and apparently the majority of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on his side and therefore he decided to cool the presidential directive openly. For Mr. Weinberger continues to be concerned that any open strategic and military cooperation with Israel might embarrass Washington in the eyes of its Arab friends.

At his press conference yesterday he decided to use the Lavi project as the symbol of his opposition to any attempt at improving U.S.-Israel relations. In Mr. Weinberger's view, an Israel-built jet fighter would not improve Israel's military capability. It might merely strengthen Israel's economy and promote its exports, he held.

As a substitute for the Lavi, Mr. Weinberger was offering superior American fighter bombers which could be made available to Israel much sooner than the Lavi.

What Mr. Weinberger seems to forget is that he is the U.S. Secretary of Defense and not Israel's defence minister and that it is precisely Israel's need to become more self-sufficient in the production of sophisticated weapons which has prompted Defence Minister Moshe Arens to promote the Lavi project. This goes back to the time when Prof. Arens was the chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee as well as during his year as Israel's ambassador in Washington. The fact that Israel's defence minister is an aeronautical engineer by profession only adds weight to his support of the Lavi project.

Now that the opposing views of the U.S. Administration have come into the open, President Reagan will have to act to get Washington to speak in one voice, at least when it comes to problems concerning Israel and the Middle East. The present blowing hot and cold certainly does not help the situation, particularly at a time when official Washington says clearly that the revived U.S.-Israel dialogue should focus on Lebanon with a special view to the continuing threats from Syria. This, at least, was the official U.S. explanation of the purpose of Mr. Eagleburger's visit here last week and of the invitation for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Arens to visit Washington later this month.

Mr. Weinberger's remarks yesterday certainly do not augur well for this impending visit and one would expect that President Reagan will set the record straight before he meets the Israeli leaders.

## Blackout havoc

YESTERDAY'S blackout at the Israel Electric Corporation which coincided with a major military call-up exercise was an unwelcome but perhaps helpful reminder of the country's vulnerability to extensive power failures. It does not take much imagination to realize what chaos could result from a real military emergency aggravated by a nation-wide blackout.

Israel's electricity grid is a single unit fed with current from power stations around the country. The protective mechanisms built into the system automatically shut the entire grid down if trouble develops at a generating station or transformer connection anywhere along the line.

While this trip-wire mechanism appears to be technologically necessary to prevent damage to expensive equipment that could be caused by abrupt imbalances in the current flow, it nevertheless plays havoc with everyday routines. Not only millions of shekels of damage to industry results from the blackouts, but lives are endangered as well by the sudden power loss in essential services.

Three to four years ago when the country was plagued by several major blackouts, the Energy Ministry appointed a panel headed by a Technician expert to recommend ways of preventing such failures. Now it has appointed another panel to check if these recommendations were implemented.

While no system of technological safeguards is foolproof, Israel's vulnerable security position and its inability to draw in emergencies on electricity from its neighbours demand the maximum attention and investment in preventing blackouts in the future.

As a positive footnote to this affair, it should be noted that the (East) Jerusalem District Electricity Company, which draws most of its electricity from the Israeli grid, managed nevertheless to continue the flow of current yesterday to most of its customers.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**PS** IF YOU stumbled into the wrong classroom at the Hebrew University recently, you might have been surprised to hear a lecture on Jerusalem being given in Korean.

A group of Protestant ministers from South Korea were attending an 11-day study programme at the Martin Buber Centre. The programme included lectures on theological issues and on Israel-related topics, and outings to Christian holy sites.

A course on "Jerusalem: Past and

Present" was given in Korean by a visiting professor from Seoul. The rest of the lectures were given in English by university staff.

"The participants were so impressed that they wanted information on courses at the Hebrew University," said Lee Jong Soo, leader of the group.

The Buber Centre was also satisfied with their success with the Korean group, and is now planning to invite groups from South Korea every two months. T.K.

## Tricky straits of diplomacy

By DAVID LANDAU

unpredictability. With the U.S. just about to deploy its new medium-range missiles in Europe, the lapse of authority in the Kremlin aggravates a situation of extreme tension and precariousness.

Eagleburger, naturally enough, did not share with his Israeli hosts Washington's operative plans or options regarding its advancing armada. But he did give the distinct impression, in private and less private meetings here, that President Reagan's vow to punish those guilty of the murderous assault on the U.S. Marines in Beirut still stood.

And he, like other senior officials in Washington, fingered the Iranians and the Syrians as responsible, at least vicariously, for the carnage.

It seems clear that when the armada was sent, the option at least of striking a military blow in revenge for the Beirut bombing was uppermost in the minds of American policymakers. That, at any rate, is what the Syrians feared — hence their much-publicized mobilization and their warnings of imminent imperialist aggression. That, too, is what America's allies appear to have felt — hence the finger-wagging admonishments which Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam received when he visited London last weekend. Hence, too, Italy's public caution to Washington this week not to act.

The Italians are nicely placed astride the Mediterranean to count the American ships as they steam through.

On the other hand, France, the fourth contributor to the Beirut multinational force and not usually uncritical or quiescent about American moves, has said notably nothing. The French lost dozens of their own dead on that bloody Sunday, and they would plainly applaud an act of retribution. Indeed, at first at least, they were contemplating

mounting one themselves.

But British and Italian opposition is a problem for the U.S. Given the state of Anglo-American relations following Grenada, a quarrel over an American reprisal in Lebanon could lead the British to withdraw their contingent from the multinational force. The Italians might well follow suit.

The hundred-odd Tommies and the feather-plumed Italian unit are not irreplaceable in military terms. But their departure would deprive the multinational force of 50 per cent of its multinationality — a severe political setback.

ANOTHER restraining consideration on the Americans — in addition to Soviet unpredictability — is the effect their action might have on the Lebanese reconciliation process. This process, though still in its fledgling stages, is doing better than most observers had predicted — or, put another way, the Syrians have fared worse in their attempts to thwart the efforts towards peace, than many observers feared.

Geneva Round One did not break up in disarray, even though Syria's surrogates failed to get the agreement with Israel scrapped. And subsequent talks on a new constitutional balance seem actually to be making progress.

All these delicate saplings of hope could be uprooted by an unleashing of new violence by American bombers or ground forces.

Still another restraint on the Americans is — paradoxically — their own reawakened interest in that amorphous concept of "strategic cooperation" with Israel. The reawakening of this interest (on the part of some U.S. policymakers; Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger is chary) was accelerated by the realization that efforts to persuade Syria to cooperate in a Lebanese settlement were foundering. It was

further catalyzed, perhaps, by the aftermath of the Beirut bombing, when some Americans admitted to themselves that had they had the much-ridiculed "bandaids" stockpiled in Israel, their relief and rescue operation would have proceeded more satisfactorily.

Eagleburger's visit to Israel was advertised as a preliminary essay at resuscitating some of the elements, though not necessarily the precise wording or format, of the short-lived and bizarrely overambitious Memorandum of Understanding on U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation signed in late 1981 and suspended soon after.

Soon Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is to go to Washington to continue this dialogue.

The problem here for the U.S. is that it wants desperately to avoid its "strategic cooperation" with Israel being perceived as collusion with Israel — collusion, that is, in planning and carrying out a military action against an Arab or Moslem enemy. (Nor indeed is this the U.S. — or Israel's — intention.) Such a perception would massively damage Washington's standing in the Arab world, even among states which would frankly be delighted to see the Syrians get a bloody nose.

The Syrians are plainly aware of this difficulty facing Washington, and they are deliberately lumping together the American and Israeli "imperialists" in their urgent contentions that they are about to be attacked.

Israel for its part is four-square with Washington in seeking to avoid the "collusion" stigma. That probably was why Israel reacted so fast last Friday, following the Tyre disaster — so that its own blow would not overlap or be confused with any separate American strike.

Israeli observers are openly glad that the U.S. has shipped in suf-

ficient warplanes to hold the Syrian Air Force at bay, if the need arises without having to rely on Israeli aerial cover.

Finally, in American strategic calculations, there is the danger of an eruption in the Persian Gulf which heightened this week by Iran renewed threats to bomb the Iranian oil installations at Kharg.

It would be far-fetched — though not utterly impossible — to envisage Iran closing the Hormuz Straits in response to an American strike against Iranian volunteer units in Lebanon. Closing them in reaction to Iraqi bombing of Kharg would be a much likelier scenario. In either case, the U.S. must have sufficient sea and air power close enough at hand to enforce the president's commitment to keep those straits open.

The USS Ranger and elements of the Seventh Fleet are reportedly near the Gulf. Units of the Mediterranean "armada" may head there through the Suez Canal.

IF THE ARMADA ends up as a show of potential strength rather than an actual projection of force, will it have been a wasted effort? For the grieving families of the dead Marines, it may seem that way, but in terms of Lebanon's politics and prospects for real independence, the huge U.S. fleet, like the U.S. decision to stay put in Beirut despite the Marines' disaster, is a major contribution.

It was the USS New Jersey which, without firing a shot, inflicted an initial defeat on Syria and her surrogates. Until then it seemed that the Syrians were calling all the shots in Lebanon after Israel, fatigued and fed up, retired from the Shouf Mountains.

Syria's failure to have its way at Geneva was not unconnected with the way the battle had ended at Sab el-Gharb and the way the U.S. Marines had stood their ground in Beirut despite their dreadful decimation.

The writer is the Diplomatic Correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

## READERS' LETTERS

## UNWANTED PUPPIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — At the entrance to the Dog Show held at the Exhibition grounds on October 15, a few people were giving away young puppies.

We would like these misguided people to know that the ISPCA, which had a stand at the dog show, picked up three of these puppies in the show grounds. Apparently the novelty of the "gift" wore off quickly, and the innocent pups were left near a bush, for someone else to pick up.

From the puppies' point of view, it would have been more humane to bring them in the first place to the ISPCA, and better still, to have had their mother spayed, so that these "unwanted" puppies would not have been born at all.

HILDA FRIEDSTEIN,  
ISPCA Chairperson  
Tel Aviv.

## MARVELOUS ARTICLE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A. Linker could not have expressed my emotions better in his letter of November 1 concerning the article by Hanoch Teller about the Chafetz Haim. Teller wrote a simply beautiful piece that has won the accolade of dozens of people that I have shown it to.

I hope that we will be seeing more articles by him on similar topics. I am tired of hearing about the bad and deserve to hear something good and something Jewish!

DAVID WASSERMAN  
Jerusalem.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Once upon a time, not so very many years ago, the Arabs refused to talk to us. At international conferences, Arab delegations used to walk out demonstratively whenever there was Israeli participation. We regretted this ostrich policy.

Now we are faced with the spectacle of an Israeli boycott of the East Consultation at Atlanta University, which will be attended by top officials from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon and Syria (Wolf Blitzer, The Jerusalem Post, October 28). The Palestinians are due to be represented by Elias Freij together with Harvard Professor Walid Khalidi. Israeli embassy officials in Washington explained that Israel would not participate because Professor Khalidi had been invited. They insist that he is a member of the PLO; in fact "the intellectual backbone of the PLO." This is denied by Mr. Carter.

Who is Walid Khalidi, and what are his views?

At an international seminar at Harvard University in October 1977 (i.e. before Sadat's Jerusalem visit), Professor Khalidi asked Knesset member Gad Ya'acobi whether "Israel would be prepared to negotiate with the PLO if the organization were to recognize Israel and resolution 242, and agree to security arrangements along the Jordan river." Ya'acobi's reply was evasive, but he was quoted having

## WALID KHALIDI

been greatly impressed by Khalidi's personality. (Ha'aretz, November 14, 1977).

On August 3, 1980, the English language Al-Fajr published an article by Walid Khalidi, "A Sovereign Palestinian State." In that detailed review, reprinted in the New Outlook (September-October 1980), Professor Khalidi wrote inter alia:

"...A different generation of Palestinians and Arab leaders in different circumstances today are prepared to say that they accept (partition along the 1967 frontiers) with all the implications of such acceptance for Israeli-Arab reciprocal recognition and coexistence." The article continues: "...if partition is accepted today over a much smaller area of the country than under any previous partition formula, this is a measure of the evaluation in the last decade or so of Palestinian and Arab pragmatism. It is the development that has been awaited by outside observers and Israelis. It would be tragic if it were not recognized when it occurred. It would be more tragic if it were recognized and ignored."

In an article on the Palestine problem published in Foreign Affairs, Summer 1981, Professor Khalidi wrote:

"No one knows what an Arab world bereft of the Palestine problem would look like, but there are excellent reasons for trying to find out. For Israel a settlement of

the Palestinian problem will mean the end of war. For the Palestinians a sovereign Palestinian state on the West Bank, in the Gaza Strip, and in East Jerusalem in coexistence with Israel — the terms on which the PLO would settle — means a haven from their Diaspora and a repository for their vast potential for constructive achievement. The endorsement by Fatah, the mainstream PLO group, of a settlement along these lines will isolate and contain the Palestinian and Arab dissidents."

Professor Khalidi describes the Palestinian Covenant as "...maximalist, unrealistic and no basis for a settlement."

It is difficult to accept that the presence of a person who has said and written all this, can serve as reason to boycott a conference called by ex-Presidents Carter and Ford, which is designed to "provide some elements of increased understanding and communication."

In view of Israel's absence, it will be said that Israel fears meeting the moderate and conciliatory elements of the Palestinian leaders.

Halfa. ZEEV RAPHAEL

## PHOTOS OF HAREDIM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On November 4, The Jerusalem Post published a photograph of me and my son, in conjunction with an article which was not complimentary to Haredi Jews. ("For Heaven's Sake," The Magazine, Page 7). That photograph was taken, and published, without my knowledge or my consent.

Although my name was not mentioned in the article, I should like to emphasize that there is no connection between the subject matter of the article (violence in the Haredi community) and my photograph.

(Name and address supplied)  
Jerusalem.

(The photograph in question was a detail of a larger photograph of a group of Haredim. It was intended as a general illustration, and in no way was it meant to connect those photographed with any acts of violence. The Post regrets any other possible interpretation. — Ed. J.P.)

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The Leadership of David Ben-Gurion  
16:00 Mr. Shabtai Tevet  
"The Emergence of Ben-Gurion's Leadership"  
Professor Yisrael Kolat  
"From Leadership of the Labour Movement to National Leadership."  
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"Ben-Gurion and Zionist Democracy."  
Professor Gabriel Cohen  
"Ben-Gurion and the War of Independence."  
Honorable Abba Eban, M.K.  
"Ben-Gurion as a Statesman"

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Tuesday, December 13, Beer-Sheva, New Campus, Kreitman Building, 06.  
Leadership in Nation-Building  
09:00 Professor Yehoshua Arieli  
The United States of America: The Role of Leadership in the American Revolution.  
Professor Alexander Rabinovitch (U.S.A.)  
"Kennedy and Lenin as Political Leaders in Crisis."  
Professor Shlomo Avineri  
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Professor Yeshayahu Jelinek  
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**DISCUSSION**  
Professor Hedwa Ben-Yissar (Kibron)  
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14:00 Professor Shabtai Tevet  
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